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A record of how present-day desk dictionaries are recognizing the existence of variant or secondary spellings for many common English words, this reference list can be used by teachers of English and authors of spelling lists. Originally published in 1958, this revised edition uses two dictionaries not in existence then and the revised editions of three of the dictionaries originally used. The desk dictionaries examined include "The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language," "Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary," "Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language," "The Random House College Dictionary,"and "Standard College Dictionary." The list includes fairly common words--assumed to be in the active vocabulary of most adults--which are offered as variants by the dictionaries and which could lead to questions in the mind of the student or teacher concerning the propriety of and authority for certain spellings. Excluded are variants for highly technical terms, geographical proper nouns, unusual foreign terms, and rarely used words. Similarly, space is not given to most paired words which are names for essentially the same things or concepts, but which have taken on distinct identities. (HOD)

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# PREFACE

The variant spelling problem is only one part of a greater problem facing every teacher of English and related fields, that of deciding what criteria to use in determining the appropriateness or "correctness" of a language form. In many instances logic, analogy, or tradition favors one while widespread usage favors another.

The material assembled here should be looked upon, first of all, as a record–a record of how present-day desk dictionaries are recognizing the existence of variant or secondary spellings for many common English words. The uses to which this record may be put will vary with the reader; it would be presumptuous, and also probably futile, for the compiler to suggest just how it should be used.

This material should have, however, implications for two groups: teachers of English, particularly at the high school and college levels, and authors of spelling lists and other materials to be used in the teaching of spelling. The teacher of English certainly wishes to keep himself as informed as possible about spellings sanctioned by current and reputable dictionaries; in addition, he must determine his own attitude toward the propriety of the use of variants so that his teaching of spelling will reflect modern usage and his editing of student writing will be fair. Some teachers are not aware of many variant spellings, perhaps because they do not have regular access to up-to-date dictionaries or are not very observant in studying the entries. Others might refuse to let their students use some commonly encountered variants because of personal preference, because of an excessive reliance upon the application of spelling "rules," or because of a well-intentioned effort to preserve what they as teachers feel to be the purity of the language.

The teacher who wishes to warn against the use of a variant is not always on safe ground when he relies upon that old standby "preferred spelling," for reasons other than the obvious one that a disputatious student might protest that the secondary spelling is the one *he* happens to prefer. For one thing, the fact that a spelling is placed first is no guarantee that it is preferred; if two spellings are equally acceptable, the dictionary

makers have to place one before the other. Also, as indicated in numerous points in this book, dictionaries are not always in agreement upon which variants should be included and which of two or more forms should be placed in first position.

Similarly, the problem of variant spellings cannot be disregarded by those who prepare materials to be used in the teaching of spelling. Should the spelling rule governing the doubling of a final consonant be exemplified by such a word as *traveled* when all of our students have seen *travelled* time after time in the most reputable print? Should a student fill out a practice sheet in which he is asked to add *-able* to *use* and be left with the impression that *usable* is the only acceptable spelling? Should a student be forced to study *adviser* from a list of "demons" when *advisor* is entered as an unqualified variant in all modern dictionaries?

The material assembled for this book will not, of course, provide satisfactory answers to all of these questions. In the teaching of spelling, some teachers, especially at the junior high school level, may not want to give too much information about variant spellings to their students, recognizing the possibility that for some of them this knowledge might serve only to make spelling seem even more troublesome and chaotic. It is not the intent of the compiler that these listings be used as material for direct teaching. Rather, he hopes that they will serve as readily available reference information and source material for the teacher, material which will reveal the existence of common variant spellings and record the unanimity, or lack of unanimity, found in the dictionaries. He hopes, too, that these listings will sharpen the reader's awareness of ongoing linguistic changes that affect usage, and thus help him clarify his thinking on the problem and aid him in being discriminating in his use and acceptance of variant spellings.

The original edition of *Variant Spellings in Modern American Dictionaries* was published by the National Council of Teachers of English in 1958. The justification for a completely revised edition lies in the fact that the dictionaries which supplied the data for the earlier edition must now be considered out of date and unusable for a serious examination of current practice. Two of the dictionaries used for the new edition, in fact, were not in existence in 1958, and the other three have been revised since that time. Desk dictionaries rather than unabridged dictionaries have been used for this edition, the assumption being that the average teacher will not refer to an unabridged, even when one is available, for routine checking of spelling.

The dictionaries used in this study, dictionaries that are accepted, I believe, as the most reputable and that are used most commonly, are the following:

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*Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language*, Second College Edition, © 1970 by the World Publishing Company
*The Random House College Dictionary*, © 1972 by Random House, Inc.
*Standard College Dictionary*, Text Edition, © 1968 by Funk & Wagnalls

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# INTRODUCTION

To begin our examination of variant spellings, let us assume two situations, the first to show that the use of a variant can create a classroom problem, and the second to demonstrate the bizarre extreme that variant spellings can lead to, especially when some slightly esoteric words are used.

The possibility of teacher-student conflict over what words are to be called misspelled is ever present unless the teacher arbitrarily establishes one dictionary as the sole authority, an unhappy and impractical solution which might suggest to some students that other dictionaries simply duplicate entries or are unreliable. For example, one student writes that he always polishes his car with a *shamois,* and a second student, developing the same topic, writes that he prefers a soft cloth to a *shamoy.* Let us assume that the teacher, a compulsively conscientious type, takes the time and trouble to check the spellings in three modern desk dictionaries, AH, NC, and NW.[1] He would find these three dictionaries in agreement: *chamois* is the main entry, with two variants (for the hide or cloth, not for the animal), *chammy* and *shammy.* The teacher would, of course, believe himself on safe ground in marking the two student versions as misspellings. What should the teacher do when the first student produces his SC, which gives *shamois* as a third variant, and when the second student points out *shamoy* as an unqualified variant in RH? Some kind of graceful retraction would seem to be in order–at the very least, the "misspelled" labels should be removed.

For the second situation let us assume a student's wanting to write this sentence (admittedly, the unlikelihood of its occurrence is transcendent): "In a *cozy* house *cater-cornered* from the palace a *finicky caliph,* who maintained that a *jinni* had revealed to him the secrets of the *cabala,* spent much of his time smoking *panatelas*–sometimes *kef*–and training his

[1] AH: *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*
NC: *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*
NW: *Webster's New World Dictionary*
RH: *The Random House College Dictionary*
SC: *Standard College Dictionary*

pet *parakeet.*" Let us assume also the even more unlikely situation that this student would refer to the five dictionaries under examination to check the spelling of the nine italicized words. He would find so many variants that he would arrive at the final version of the sentence only after deciding among the following spellings:

> In a *cozy/cosy/cosey/cozey/cosie/cozie* house *cater-cornered/cater-corner/catty-cornered/kitty-cornered/catty-corner/kitty-corner* from the palace a *finicky/finical/finnicky/finicking/finikin/finiking/finickin/finnicking caliph/calif/khalif/kalif/kaliph/khalifa,* who maintained that a *jinni/jinn/genie/djinni/djinn/jinnee/djin/jin/djinny* had revealed to him the secrets of the *cabala/cabbala/kabala/kabbala/cabbalah/kabbalah,* spent much of his time smoking *panatelas/panetelas/panetellas/panatellas*—sometimes *kef/kif/keef/kief/kaif*—and training his pet *parakeet/parrakeet/parroquet/paroquet/parroket/paraquet.*

With these rich orthographic sources available to him, the student could write his sentence in 11,197,440 ways, with no two versions exactly alike.

The fifty-six spellings possible for the italicized words in this sentence are found in the five dictionaries as follows:

cozy: first entry in all
cosy: variant in all
cosey: variant in NW, SC
cozey: variant in RH, SC
cosie: variant in NW, SC
cozie: variant in RH, SC

cater-cornered: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
cater-corner: first entry (written solid) in NC; variant (written solid or hyphenated) in RH, variant (hyphenated) in AH, NW, SC
catty-cornered: variant in all
kitty-cornered: variant in all
catty-corner: variant in NC, NW, RH
kitty-corner: variant in NC, NW, RH

finicky: first entry in all
finical: variant in all
finnicky: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
finicking: variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
finikin: variant in AH, NW, SC
finiking: variant in RH
finickin: variant in RH
finnicking: variant in SC

caliph: first entry in all
calif: variant in all
khalif: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
kalif: variant in NW, RH, SC
kaliph: variant in NW, SC
khalifa: variant in RH

jinni: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
jinn: first entry in NC, RH; called the plural of *jinni* in AH, NW, SC
genie: variant in all
djinni: variant in all
djinn: variant in NC, RH; called the plural of *djinni* in AH, NW
jinnee: variant in AH, SC
djin: variant in NC, RH
jin: variant in RH
djinny: variant in AH

cabala: first entry in all
cabbala: variant in all
kabala: variant in all
kabbala: variant in all
cabbalah: variant in NC
kabbalah: variant in NC

panatela: first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
panetela: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
panetella: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
panatella: variant in AH, NW, RH

kef: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
kif: first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH
keef: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
kief: variant in NW, RH, SC
kaif: variant in RH

parakeet: first entry in all
parrakeet: variant in all
parroquet: variant in AH, SC
paroquet: variant in AH, SC
parroket: variant in AH, SC
paraquet: variant in AH, SC

As one progresses in his examination of current dictionaries and accumulates samples of variant spellings, he finds many words he comes to think of as isolated examples, one-of-a-kind spelling peculiarities that seem unrelated to any other word or word group. But he also finds that for numerous other words he formulates categories into which these words fall, some categories reflecting certain matters of dictionary practice and others grouping together words related by form. Because large numbers of variant spellings can be most conveniently examined in terms of these categories, examples from the reference list have been selected and arranged on the following pages to illustrate such facets of the problem as conflicting first entry/variant status, variants found in only one dictionary, variant forms for plurals and several other kinds of derived words, and qualifying labels used in dictionaries with variants.

### 1. Lack of Agreement, First Entry/Variant

It is not surprising that the dictionaries often fail to agree on which form should be the first entry and which should be the secondary or

variant.[2] With words having several spelling versions, extracting the information from the dictionaries can sometimes be laborious. Here are two rather extreme examples, the second involving only four of the dictionaries:

St. Vitus's dance: first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH
St. Vitus' dance: first entry in AH; variant in SC
Saint Vitus's dance: first entry in NC
Saint Vitus' dance: first entry in NW
St. Vitus dance: variant in RH, SC

bogeyman: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
boogeyman: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC
bogyman: first entry in NW; variant in AH
boogieman: first entry in AH; variant in RH
boogerman: variant in NC, RH
boogyman: variant in AH
(SC has *bogey* and *bogie* as variants for *bogy* but no entry for *bogeyman*.)

Of particular interest are words for which all five dictionaries have two spellings with what might be called a 3/2 split. For every one of the following examples, the spelling in first position is the first entry in three dictionaries and the variant in two; the spelling in second position is the first entry in two dictionaries and the variant in three.

all-around (adj)/all-round
caldron/cauldron
carousel/carrousel
collectible/collectable
damnedest/damndest
descendent (adj)/descendant
dumfound/dumbfound
estivate/aestivate
eyeing/eying
falderol/folderol
fjord/fiord
gismo/gizmo
grotesquery/grotesquerie
hearken/harken
hoboes/hobos
incrust/encrust
kidnapped,-pping/kidnaped,-ping
lady's man/ladies' man
lubricous/lubricious
maharajah/maharaja
mama/mamma
maulstick/mahlstick
Mephistophelean/Mephistophelian
namable/nameable
pixy/pixie
shier,-est/shyer,-est
spumone/spumoni
supplely/supply
thereabouts/thereabout
upward of/upwards of
veld/veldt
vendor/vender

### 2. Variants Found in Only One Dictionary

The hypothetical case mentioned earlier of the student who polishes his car with a *shamoy*, a spelling found in only one of the five dictionaries, is by no means an isolated possibility. However plaintively some among us might protest that such a situation would not be permitted in a

[2] The term "first entry" is used advisedly: it is a completely objective description of the arrangement of the words in an entry. Because there are unquestionably many words for which two spellings occur with almost equal frequency, "first entry" should not be equated with "main entry" and certainly not with "preferred spelling."

well-ordered and rational world, the fact remains that numerous "singles" can be found. In such a case, the likelihood of teacher-student argument over a "misspelling" is obvious. The samples listed below, indicating the single dictionary that contains the variant, are words of common enough occurrence to warrant inclusion of the main entry in all five dictionaries. The reference list includes many other examples–*umpteenth* (4)/*umteenth* (1); *cacciatore* (3)/ *cacciatora* (1)–of less commonly used words for which at least one dictionary has no main entry.

accidentally/accidently (NC)
albacore/albicore (SC)
allergen/allergin (SC)
bail (to dip water)/bale (RH)
bobby pin/bobbie pin (SC)
bony/boney (NC)
broccoli/brocoli (NC)
bulrush/bullrush (NC)
canvas (noun)/canvass (NC)
canvass (verb)/canvas (NC)
cesspool/sesspool (SC)
chipmunk/chipmuck (SC)
chop suey/chop sooy (RH)
commandery/commandry (SC)
comprise/comprize (RH)
coolly/cooly (NC)
cuckoo (silly, crazy)/coocoo (NW)
dandruff/dandriff (RH)
dissension/dissention (NC)
doctoral/doctorial (RH)
dote/doat (AH)
emblaze/imblaze (SC)
endow,-ment/indow,-ment (SC)
enzyme/enzym (SC)
espresso/expresso (NW)
gluing/glueing (NC)
granddad/grandad (NC)
harebrained/hairbrained (RH)
hassle/hassel (SC)
heyday/heydey (RH)
ideology/idealogy (NC)
jetsam/jetsom (RH)
knowledgeable/knowledgable (RH)
lacy/lacey (NC)
lagoon/laguna (AH)
lens/lense (NC)
leukemia/leucemia (RH)
mandolin/mandoline (NC)
mangy/mangey (RH)
marshal (noun)/marshall (NC)
memento/momento (NC)
minuscule/miniscule (NC)
mongoose/mungoose (SC)
nicotine/nicotin (SC)
ornery/onery (SC)
papier-mâché/paper-mâché (RH)
paprika/paprica (SC)
pastrami/pastromi (NC)
plastically/plasticly (RH)
plenitude/plentitude (NC)
producible/produceable (RH)
prolifically/prolificly (RH)
prophecy (noun)/prophesy (NC)
rarefy/rarify (NC)
ratchet/rachet (NC)
regrettable,-ably/regretable,-ably (RH)
renege/renig (NC)
restaurateur/restauranteur (NC)
rustically/rusticly (RH)
Santa Claus/Santa Klaus (NW)
sherbet/sherbert (NC)
skulk/sculk (RH)
smoky/smokey (NC)
spicy/spicey (RH)
strychnine/strychnin (SC)
supersede/supercede (NC)
sway-backed (adj)/sway-back (RH)
trampoline/trampolin (AH)
translator/translater (RH)
trestle/tressel (NC)
tying/tieing (NC)
ukulele/ukelele (RH)
unwieldy/unwieldly (RH)
upstairs (adj)/upstair (RH)
yachtsman/yachtman (SC)
yogi/yogee (SC)

### 3. Variants with plural nouns

Irregularities with some plurals have been such a persistent spelling problem that, not surprisingly, modern dictionaries are offering greater

numbers of variants for these noun forms. The reference list contains a few entries for certain types of plurals: nouns ending in *f (dwarfs/dwarves; hoofs/hooves; wharves/wharfs);* nouns ending in *i (alkalis/alkalies; rabbis/rabbies; taxis/taxies);* and final consonant doubling *(buses/busses; gases/gasses).* Worthy of more detailed examination are three other plurals: for nouns ending in *o*, for compounds, and for "measurement" nouns ending in *ful.*

**Plurals of nouns ending in o**

Although authors of handbooks and spelling manuals of a generation ago sometimes attempted statements resembling "rules" about plurals of nouns ending in *o*,modern authorities, if they mention the situation at all, usually restrict their information to the fact that the plural is formed with *s* when the *o* is preceded by a vowel. In older handbooks alternate spellings were sometimes acknowledged but with statements that, at least at the present moment, must be called unrealistic. For example, in the third edition of *The Century Collegiate Handbook* (1950), the statement "Add either *s* or *es* to these nouns" is followed by seven nouns: *zero, cargo, motto, banjo, buffalo, memento, volcano.* The statement carries the unfortunate implication that these seven nouns are not merely examples but are the only ones that have two acceptable plural forms.

Actually, the reference list yields a total of seventy-seven nouns ending in *o* with variant plurals. For twenty-nine of these, the five dictionaries are in complete agreement. The word in first position in the following list is the first entry in all dictionaries; the word in second position is the variant in all.

banjos/banjoes
buffaloes/buffalos
calicoes/calicos
cargoes/cargos
commandos/commandoes
desperadoes/desperados
flamingos/flamingoes
frescoes/frescos
geckos/geckoes
grottoes/grottos
halos/haloes
indigos/indigoes
lassos/lassoes
mangoes/mangos
mementos/mementoes
mestizos/mestizoes
Moriscos/Moriscoes
mottoes/mottos
Negritos/Negritoes
palmettos/palmettoes
placebos/placeboes
porticoes/porticos
provisos/provisoes
salvos/salvoes
stilettos/stilettoes
tornadoes/tornados
viragoes/viragos
volcanoes/volcanos
zeros/zeroes

The reference list also contains other words for which one or two of the dictionaries do not include a plural spelling; however, the dictionaries that do note the plural spelling agree on the first entry and the variant: *bravadoes/bravados; dagos/dagoes; passados/passadoes.*

There are, of course, instances of lack of unanimity in designating which spelling is the first entry:

archipelagoes: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
archipelagos: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
didos: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
didoes: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
dodoes: first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
dodos: first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
fiascoes: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
fiascos: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
hoboes: first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
hobos: first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
innuendoes: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
innuendos: first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW
manifestoes: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
manifestos: first entry in NC; variant in AH, SC
mulattoes: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
mulattos: first entry in AH; variant in NC
peccadilloes: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
peccadillos: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
stuccoes: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
stuccos: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
torpedoes: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
torpedos: first entry in SC
winos: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
winoes: first entry in AH, SC

There are also a few cases of variants found in only one dictionary. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant in the single dictionary noted:

| | |
|---|---|
| avocados (all) | avocadoes (NC) |
| dadoes (all) | dados (RH) |
| heroes (a large sandwich) (all) | heros (RH) |
| locos (AH, NC, RH, SC) | locoes (NC) |
| politicos (all) | politicoes (NC) |
| pronunciamentos (AH, NC, NW, SC) | pronunciamentoes (NC) |
| tuxedos (all) | tuxedoes (NC) |

### Plurals of compounds

The possibility of confusion in forming the plural of compounds is obvious. The Government Printing Office *Style Manual,* to exemplify its rule that "the significant word takes the plural form" (p. 66), recognizes five types of compounds: significant word first (*brothers-in-law*), significant word in middle (*assistant attorneys general*), significant word last (*judge advocates*), both words of equal significance (*masters at arms*), and no word significant in itself (*forget-me-nots*). The difficulty of determining degrees of "significance" has brought about the appearance in print of some alternate plurals, apparently often enough in reputable sources to warrant inclusion in modern dictionaries. The spelling on the left is the

first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant:

| | |
|---|---|
| attorneys general (all) | attorney generals (NC, NW, RH, SC) |
| courts-martial (all) | court-martials (NC, NW, RH) |
| fallings-out (AH, NC, RH) | falling-outs (AH, NC, RH) |
| jack-in-the-boxes (AH, NC, NW, RH) | jacks-in-the-box (AH, NC) |
| Johnny-come-latelies (AH, NC, RH) | Johnnies-come-lately (NC, RH) |
| lyings-in (NC, RH) | lying-ins (NC, RH) |
| notaries public (all) | notary publics (NC, NW) |
| poets laureate (all) | poet laureates (AH, NC, NW) |

A related problem occurs with a few solid compounds and also with some foreign compounds which show a conflict between the native plural and an Anglicized form.

bons mots: first entry in all
  bon mots: variant in NC
cul-de-sacs: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
  culs-de-sac: first entry in NC, RH; French in NW, SC
menfolk: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
  menfolks: variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
petits fours: first entry in all
  petit fours: variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
tenderfoots: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  tenderfeet: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
wagons-lits: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
  wagon-lits: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC
womenfolk: first entry in all
  womenfolks: variant in all

### Plurals of nouns ending in ful

The combining of a noun and *ful(l)* to make a solid compound is by no means a recent development. Some dates from the OED are interesting: *baggeful* (1305), *coppefulle* (1400), *spone-ful* (1290), *sponfull* (1380), *sponeful* (1425). The plural form *armefuls* appeared in 1579.

Writers are often warned against the obvious temptation to place the plural marker with the noun part of these *-ful* words. "Nouns ending with *ful* form the plural by adding *s* at the end; if it is necessary to express the idea that more than one container was filled, the two elements of the solid compound are printed as separate words and the plural is formed by adding the *s* to the noun" (GPO *Style Manual,* p. 66). NW explains one of the uses of the suffix *-ful* this way: "4. *pl.* **-fuls** the quantity that fills or would fill [*teaspoonful, handful*]: the plural is sometimes formed in colloquial usage by adding *-s*-to the noun stem [*cupsful*]." The problem is also the subject of a Usage Note in AH after the *-ful* entry.

The late Philip B. Gove, the editor in chief of *Webster's Third New International Dictionary* and *Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary,* mentions these words in discussing the preparation of W3: "In any case,

from the late 1940s until the late 1950s the W3 editors were constantly paying attention analytically to problems of language behavior about which they felt they did not know enough. . . . The editors studied functional change, objects of transitive verbs, logico-historical order, cardinal and ordinal numbers, interjections, attributive nouns, two-word verbs, reflexive verbs, and affixes of all types, which, incidentally, led W3 to recognize that words like *basketful* and *cupful* have variant plurals: *cupfuls* also *cupsful* and *basketful** also *basketsful*, facts not recognized in either W2 or OED at *cupful* and *basketful*."[3] This development is noted also in the W3 definition of the suffix *-ful*: "number or quantity that fills or would fill . . . sometimes after pl. nouns (*bagsful*)."

The number of *-ful* nouns with variant plurals is very small. NC offers nine, and AH with three is the only other of the five desk dictionaries that gives any medial-*s* variants. The spelling in first position is the first entry; the spelling in second position is the variant in the single dictionary indicated.

armfuls/armsful (NC)
bagfuls/bagsful (AH)
barrelfuls/barrelsful (NC)
bucketfuls/bucketsful (NC)
cupfuls/cupsful (NC)
forkfuls/forksful (AH)
handfuls/handsful (NC)
pocketfuls/pocketsful (AH)
shovelfuls/shovelsful (NC)
spoonfuls/spoonsful (NC)
tablespoonfuls/tablespoonsful (NC)
teaspoonfuls/teaspoonsful (NC)

These words can serve, however, to point up a larger problem that can complicate the lives of writers and of teachers of English. When a new edition of a dictionary appears, there will be, inevitably and understandably, new variant spellings added and others deleted.[4]

The treatment of medial-*s* variant plurals for *-ful* nouns in the three available Merriam-Webster dictionaries (W3, NC7, NC8), while in itself of no great significance, hints at the decisions that lexicographers must make and illustrates again the possibility of teacher-student disagreement over authority for a spelling. NC7 gives two possible plurals for eighteen of

*An obvious typo for *basketfuls*. Incidentally, the reference list in this book does not contain this word. Although W3 gives the two plurals, NC has no plural for *basketful*.

[3] "English Dictionaries of the Future," in *New Aspects of Lexicography*, ed. Howard D. Weinbrot (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1972), pp. 155-56.

[4] From the numerous examples that could be used, the following can serve as illustrations. *Spinage*, an unqualified variant in NC7 (1963), is not found in NC8 (1973). *Supercede* is a variant in NC8 but not in NC7. In the 1966 printing of SC *whisky* is in first position and *whiskey* is the variant; the order is reversed in the 1968 edition. In 1963 SC presents *zarape* as a variant for the main entry *serape*. In 1966 *sarape* has become the first entry. A separate entry for *zarape* reads "See *serape*," which in turn refers the reader to *sarape*, which definition ends with "also spelled *serape*," with no mention of *zarape*. The current edition does not contain *zarape*.

these nouns; in each case the terminal-*s* spelling (*armfuls*) is in first position and the medial-*s* spelling (*armsful*) in variant position. But we find in NC8 that ten of these entries show no plural form, suggesting, of course, that the regular terminal-*s* spelling is the only possible plural. Thus NC8 gives no authority for the following spellings, all of which are unqualified variants in NC7: *bagsful, bottlesful, forksful, jugsful, lapsful, platesful, pocketsful, roomsful, sacksful, teacupsful.*

Actually, for only eight of these words are the three Merriam-Webster dictionaries in complete agreement: *armfuls/armsful, barrelfuls/barrelsful, cupfuls/cupsful, handfuls/handsful, shovelfuls/shovelsful, spoonfuls/spoonsful, tablespoonfuls/tablespoonsful, teaspoonfuls/teaspoonsful.*

For those laymen with even a mild curiosity about dictionary making, the following items may be worth speculating about:

| *Singular* | *Plural* |
|---|---|
| basketful | W3: basketfuls *also* basketsful<br>NC7: no entry<br>NC8: no plural given |
| bottleful | W3: bottlefuls<br>NC7: bottlefuls *or* bottlesful<br>NC8: no plural given |
| bucketful | W3: bucketfuls *or* bucketsful<br>NC7: no entry<br>NC8: bucketfuls *or* bucketsful |
| lapful | W3: lapfuls<br>NC7: lapfuls *or* lapsful<br>NC8: no plural given |
| pailful | W3: pailfuls *also* pailsful<br>NC7: no plural given<br>NC8: no plural given |
| roomful | W3: roomfuls<br>NC7: roomfuls *or* roomsful<br>NC8: no plural given |
| scoopful | W3: scoopfuls *or* scoopsful<br>NC7: no plural given<br>NC8: no plural given |
| tableful | W3: tablefuls *or* tablesful<br>NC7: no entry<br>NC8: no plural given |
| windowful | W3: windowfuls *also* windowsful<br>NC7: no entry<br>NC8: no entry |

### 4. Variants with Derived Forms

The formation of certain derived forms by the addition of a suffix to a base word brings up several spelling problems. A writer is continually

confronted by choices. He encounters an obscure vowel in an unstressed syllable and must decide between *-able* and *-ible*, between *-or* and *-er*. With words ending in *y*, should he change the *y* to *i* before adding a suffix? Should he drop or retain the terminal mute *e* of the base word? To form principal parts of verbs and some adjectives, should he or should he not double the final consonant of the base word? The uneasiness on the part of many writers over the apparent willfulness of many of these spellings has had a visible result, the presence in modern dictionaries of hundreds of variant spellings for words in these categories, further evidence that usage ultimately determines standards.

### Adjectives in -able, -ible

The suffix *-able* is a useful form that, because it can be added to any transitive verb, gives us an open-ended source of new words. In addition, its use in words like *impressionable, sizable, fashionable, clubbable,* and *jeepable* shows that it has a wide range of origins and meanings. The consequence, that present-day English uses *-able* more than *-ible*, provides the only help, certainly minimal and unreliable, when a hit-or-miss choice must be made.

Forty-four of these adjectives are included in the reference list of variants. Seven of these should be noted; they are words apparently used often enough to be included in all five dictionaries, with all five giving first position to the *-able* spelling and offering *-ible* as a variant: *addable, ascendable, condensable, extractable, ignitable, includable, preventable.*

As would be expected, other examples show that not all of the dictionaries have included the first entry and/or the variant. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant.

| | |
|---|---|
| detectable (all) | detectible (AH, NW, RH, SC) |
| collapsible (all) | collapsable (AH, RH, SC) |
| evadable (AH, NC, NW, SC) | evadible (AH, SC) |
| lapsable (NW, RH, SC) | lapsible (NW, RH, SC) |
| investable (NC, RH) | investible (RH) |

With the *-able/-ible* adjectives, only three frequently encountered words show lack of agreement among the dictionaries on first entry/variant status:

collectible: first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
collectable: first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH
discussible: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
discussable: first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
transmittable: first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW
transmittible: first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH

There are two examples of words in which the *-able/-ible* problem and the doubled consonant problem come together:

| | |
|---|---|
| inferable: first entry in all | inferrible: variant in NC, RH<br>inferible: variant in RH |
| referable: first entry in all | referrable: variant in NW, RH, SC<br>referrible: variant in NW, SC |

**Agent nouns, -or/-er**

Slightly more than one hundred agent nouns (verb derivative indicating one who does something) have been selected from the five desk dictionaries to show the prevalence of variant *-or/-er* spellings. Of this total, only fifteen are "singles," variants found in only one dictionary (see entries in the reference list for *consecrator, payer, translator).*

Twenty-nine of these words are extracted from the list and grouped here for examination, since they are words used often enough to warrant entries in all five dictionaries. For seventeen of these, all five dictionaries give the variant. The spelling in first position is the first entry in all dictionaries; the spelling in second position is the variant in all dictionaries.

abettor/abetter
adapter/adaptor
adjuster/adjustor
adviser/advisor
barrator/barrater
conjurer/conjuror
connector/connecter
converter/convertor
corrupter/corruptor
desecrater/desecrator
indicter/indictor
inflicter/inflictor
interceptor/intercepter
jailer/jailor
mortgagor/mortgager
reviser/revisor
tormentor/tormenter

For the remaining twelve, all but one of the dictionaries give the variant; that particular dictionary is indicated in parentheses following the variant.

addresser/addressor (not NC)
animator/animater (not NC)
consignor/consigner (not NC)
contemner/contemnor (not AH)
diffuser/diffusor (not NC)
disrupter/disruptor (not NC)
dissipater/dissipator (not NC)
exhibitor/exhibiter (not NC)
expediter/expeditor (not NW)
neglecter/neglector (not NC)
pawner/pawnor (not SC)
rejecter/rejector (not RH)

Of the relatively few instances of lack of agreement among the dictionaries on the first entry/variant status of agent nouns, the following fairly common words should be noted:

bettor (one who bets): first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
better: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
contradicter: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
contradictor: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
distrainor: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
distrainer: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

exactor: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
exacter: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
institutor: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
instituter: first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
interpolater: first entry in NW, RH, SC
interpolator: first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
stimulater: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in RH
stimulator: first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
suppressor: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
suppresser: first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
vendor: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
vender: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

### Variants with y words

The existence of many variants involving *y* attests to the uneasiness spellers have felt about *y* or *i* before certain suffixes, about *y* or *ie* as the final syllable in nouns like *deary/dearie*, and about *y* or *ey* as a suffix in adjectives like *choosy/choosey*.

When the base word ends in *y* (and in a few instances in *i* or *ie*), the addition of a suffix has given us several words for which the dictionaries report variants. For nine commonly used words, the first entries and variants are found in all five of the dictionaries:

countrified/countryfied
dryly/drily
flier/flyer
fryer/frier
gaiety/gayety
gaily/gayly
honeyed/honied
prier/pryer
taxiing/taxying

For a few words of this type, interesting cases of apparent inconsistency can be found. Although all five dictionaries list the variant *drily*, four give *slily* and only two give *shily*. The dictionaries agree in making *flier* and *prier* the first entries and *flyer* and *pryer* the secondary spellings, but the arrangement is reversed with *fryer*, the first entry, and *frier*, the variant.

The treatment of some comparative and superlative forms of adjectives is also worth noting:

drier, -est: first entry in all
dryer, -est: unqualified in AH; "occasionally" in SC
shier, -est: first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
shyer, -est: first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC
slier, -est: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
slyer, -est: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
sprier, -est: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
spryer, -est: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
wrier, -est: first entry in all
wryer, -est: variant in AH, SC

And a rather careful reading of dictionary entries is required to discover the spelling distinction made between two agent nouns derived

from *dry*. For the meaning "something that dries, such as a substance added to paint or varnish," the first entry is *drier* and the variant is *dryer* in all five dictionaries. But for the meaning "an apparatus for drying something, such as the hair or clothes," *dryer* is the first entry in four and the variant in one, while *drier* is the first entry in one and the variant in four.

The reference list contains about two dozen nouns ending in the *ie/y* suffix, most of them (but not all) being familiar or affectionate terms illustrating the two usual meanings of this suffix: "small, little" (*piggy/piggie*), or "one that is as specified" (*sharpie/sharpy*). Since several of these words are of fairly recent coinage and evidently of limited occurrence, one or more of the dictionaries have no entry for some. Here are a few samples:

deary: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
girlie: first entry in NC, NW, RH
granny: first entry in all
hippie: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
junkie: first entry in all
kooky: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
oldie: first entry in NC, NW
pinkie: first entry in all
walkie-talkie: first entry in all

dearie: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
girly: variant in NC, NW
grannie: variant in all
hippy: variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
junky: variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
kookie: variant in NC, NW, RH
oldy: variant in NC, NW
pinky: variant in all
walky-talky: variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

kiddy: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
kiddie: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
nightie: first entry in NC, NW, RH
nighty: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
smoothie: first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
smoothy: first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

For the adjective suffix *y* with the general meaning of "characterized by, inclined to, somewhat," all of the dictionaries acknowledge the *ey* variant suffix. (The *ey* form is, of course, obligatory in words like *clayey*.) The reference list contains thirty adjectives[5] of this type. Listed here are those found in all five dictionaries, with the first entry indicated first and the variant indicated second.

choosy/choosey
cliquey/cliquy
dopey/dopy
homey/homy
mousy/mousey
nosy/nosey
phony[6]/phoney
poky (slow)/pokey
spoony/spooney
stagy/stagey

[5] The same spelling problem occurs with a few nouns. See, for instance, *flunky/flunkey*, *pokey/poky* (jail), *shinny/shinney*, *trolley/trolly* in the list.

[6] Included in this list despite the fact that the *y/ey* is not a suffix. The origin of the word is unknown. All five dictionaries include the variant spelling for the noun use also.

The variant spellings *cagy, flukey,* and *stoney* are found in all except one of the dictionaries. And, as would be expected, there are a few instances of lack of agreement concerning first entry/variant status:

goosey: first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC
goosy: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW
horsy: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
horsey: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
piny: first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
piney: first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
plaguy: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
plaguey: first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC

### Variants with terminal e in the base word

The spelling "rule" governing the dropping or the retention of *e* when a suffix is added is of unquestioned value. The spelling of so many derived words is affected by it that the writer who is unaware of the general principle involved will certainly be crippled as a speller. But the teacher of spelling or the reader of student papers will be interpreting actual present-day spelling practice accurately if he remembers that modern dictionaries contain many secondary spellings that seem to violate the principle of dropping the *e* before a vowel and retaining it before a consonant. The reference list shows more than eighty variants for words of the final *e* type (not including the *y/ey* suffix words noted above).

It is true that some of the words in this group are derived forms of such limited occurrence that only one dictionary has the entry, such as *raisable/raiseable, shamable/shameable.* There are also a few instances of words which warrant first entries in all dictionaries but for which only one dictionary offers the variant, such secondary spellings as *chargable, glueing, knowledgable, queueing,* and *twingeing.*

Although nearly two-thirds of the words of this type found in the list involve the suffix *-able,* other suffixes before final *e* of the base word have given rise to variants. Some of the more common of these words are given below, with the spelling in first position the first entry in all dictionaries, and the spelling in the second position the variant in the dictionaries indicated.

awing/aweing AH, SC
bluing/blueing all
bluish/blueish AH, NW, RH, SC
cuing/cueing NC, NW
dilettantish/dilettanteish RH, SC
dilettantism/dilettanteism NW, RH, SC
linage/lineage all
mileage/milage AH, NW, RH, SC
ogreish/ogrish NW, RH, SC
pipage/pipeage AH, NC
squirearchy/squirarchy all
tingeing/tinging all

Any observant reader will certainly be aware of the prevalence of *-eable* adjectives in reputable print. The reference list contains fifty-five

examples. Listed below are words of this group for which the variant[7] is found in at least three of the five dictionaries. The spelling on the left is the first entry in the dictionaries indicated; the spelling on the right is the variant.

| | |
|---|---|
| atonable (AH, RH, SC) | atoneable (AH, RH, SC) |
| bitable (AH, RH, SC) | biteable (AH, RH, SC) |
| blamable (all) | blameable (AH, NW, RH, SC) |
| citable (NC, NW, RH, SC) | citeable (NW, RH, SC) |
| confinable (AH, NW, RH, SC) | confineable (AH, NW, RH, SC) |
| datable (all) | dateable (AH, NC, NW, RH) |
| dislikable (NC, NW, RH, SC) | dislikeable (NC, NW, RH) |
| finable (AH, NW, RH, SC) | fineable (AH, NW, RH, SC) |
| hirable (AH, NW, RH, SC) | hireable (AH, NW, RH, SC) |
| likable (all) | likeable (all) |
| livable (all) | liveable (all) |
| lovable (all) | loveable (all) |
| minable (AH, NC, NW, RH) | mineable (AH, NC, NW, RH) |
| movable (all) | moveable (all) |
| ratable (all) | rateable (NC, NW, RH, SC) |
| salable (all) | saleable (all) |
| savable (all) | saveable (all) |
| shakable (all) | shakeable (all) |
| sizable (all) | sizeable (all) |
| smokable (NC, NW, RH) | smokeable (NC, NW, RH) |
| tamable (NC, NW, RH, SC) | tameable (NC, NW, RH, SC) |
| tradable (NC, NW, RH) | tradeable (NC, NW, RH) |
| tunable (all) | tuneable (all) |
| unsalable (NC, NW, RH, SC) | unsaleable (NW, RH, SC) |
| usable (all) | useable (all) |
| votable (AH, NW, RH, SC) | voteable (AH, NW, RH, SC) |

**Variants with base words ending in a single consonant**

The spelling of hundreds of derived words is determined by the application of a rule requiring the doubling of the final consonant of the base before a suffix beginning with a vowel when three conditions hold: the base word ends in a single consonant, the single consonant is preceded by a single vowel, and the accent is on the last syllable in polysyllabic

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[7] The teacher who finds a kind of Mosaic certitude in the application of spelling rules should be cautioned again about the injudicious use of such expressions as "preferred spelling." Two of the dictionaries place the spelling *hateable* in first position, making *hatable* the apparent variant. The two spellings *namable* and *nameable* are found in all five dictionaries, two of which use the order *nameable, namable.* One dictionary that gives *unnameable* as an undefined derived form does not include the spelling *unnamable,* and the one dictionary that derives an *-able* adjective from the verb *graze* presents it as "grazeable *or* grazable."

The rule-conscious teacher should also be reminded to read carefully the explanatory material in his dictionaries. In NC, for instance, ten of the two spellings from the list above are joined by *or*. In the explanatory notes (page 11a), we are told that words thus entered are "equal variants. Both are standard, and either one may be used according to personal inclination."

words. The complexity of the rule has led some to question its value, and the existence of many variants and irregularities can be used as further evidence that teaching the rule will probably have only limited success.

Most of the variants for words affected by this spelling rule are found with the principal parts of regular verbs. Although there are variants in the reference list for about three dozen derived nouns and adjectives, the variant *-ed, -ing* verb forms[8] total well over one hundred.

It is impossible to isolate these verbs and examine them as a group without becoming aware of the way the dictionaries make use of the "especially British" label. (A further discussion of the use of this qualifying label is found in the next section.) As the reference list shows, nearly all of the doubled consonant verb variants carry the label from at least one dictionary; among the few that are unqualified are *bayonetted* (variant in AH, NC, NW, RH), *benefitted* (variant in NC, RH), *brevetted* (variant in all), *caucussed* (variant in AH, NW, SC), and *photostatted* (variant in AH, NW, SC).

A close examination of these verb forms reveals the predilection of one dictionary, RH, for the use of this label. Slightly more than thirty of the doubled consonant verbs are designated "British" by two dictionaries. In addition to these thirty, RH uses the label with over fifty other *-ed, -ing* forms when the other dictionaries give the second spelling with no qualification. RH is the only dictionary that attaches the British label to such commonly encountered spellings as *counselled, dialled, equalled, focussed, labelled, libelled, quarrelled, revelled, signalled, totalled, travelled,* and *tunnelled.*

Several quite commonly used words with the doubled consonant complication show that the dictionaries do not always agree on which spelling should be in first position. Another situation to note is that in a few cases the British label is attached by at least one dictionary to doubled consonant spellings which in other dictionaries not only are unqualified but also are placed in first position.

busing: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
  bussing: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
buses: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
  busses: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
chairmaning: first entry in NC, NW, RH
  chairmanning: first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH
cornetist: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
  cornettist: first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
councilor: first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
  councillor: first entry in NC, RH; unqualified in AH; British in NW, SC
diagraming: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
  diagramming: first entry in AH; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

[8] Examples used here will show only the *-ed* form. When a dictionary gives a variant for the *-ed* form, it of course gives one for the *-ing* form also.

hiccuped: first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
hiccupped: first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
kidnaper: first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
kidnapper: first entry in NC, NW; unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH
kidnapped: first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
kidnaped: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH
monogrammed: first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC
monogramed: first entry in SC; variant in AH
monometallism: first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
monometalism: first entry in SC; variant in AH
nonplused: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
nonplussed: first entry in NC; unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH
programmed: first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in SC; "esp. Brit. and Computer Technol." in RH
programed: first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
protocoled: first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW
protocolled: first entry in NW; variant in AH, SC

## 5. Qualifying Labels with Variant Spellings

### British

British preference is still apparent in the spelling of a few classes of words, but the unlimited exchange of all media has pretty well eradicated national distinctions. For most readers in the United States only a few words—perhaps *cyder, kerb, gaol, tyre, waggon,* for example—call attention to themselves. American television viewers addicted to older British-made films very likely do not notice that the J. Arthur Rank *organisation* is presenting the film or that the *colour* is by *Technicolor.* Thousands of American and British citizens see American Express Travelers Cheques, an interesting—planned(?)—union of *cheque,* distinctly and nearly exclusively a British form, and *traveler,* a spelling not found in the current edition of *The Concise Oxford Dictionary* (1970 printing of the fifth edition), the editors of which, apparently, still follow the admonition which Mr. Fowler included in the preface to the first edition in 1911: "In dealing with verbs such as *level, rivet, bias,* whose parts and derivatives are variously spelt, the final consonant being often doubled with no phonetic or other significance, we have as far as possible fallen in with the present tendency, which is to drop the useless letter, but stopped short of recognizing forms that at present strike every reader as Americanisms; thus we write *riveted, riveter,* but not *traveling, traveler.*"

Although some national preferences will certainly prevail, it is to be hoped that all teachers will discriminate between regional preference and "correct" spelling, will realize that the "problem" is really not a problem at all but only an interesting orthographic situation best viewed in the

gently ironic light of Fowler's account of British attitudes toward *-or/-our* spellings.[9]

Further evidence that national spelling distinctions are lessening is seen in the fact that the British label is used quite sparingly in most of our modern dictionaries.[10] Certain uses of the qualification might raise questions in the minds of those of us laymen who have no first-hand knowledge of the procedures, the standards, and the evidence used by lexicographers. Four dictionaries use the label with *reflexion*; SC does not, although it does use it with *deflexion, inflexion,* and *connexion.* Why does RH call *quartette* and *septette* British spellings but not *octette, quintette,* and *sextette?* With four American dictionaries placing *aesthete, archaeology,* and *idyll* in first position, why does SC call them British variants? Why doesn't NC join the other four in designating *medallist* a British preference when it is the only spelling given in *The Concise Oxford?*

Such questions aside, here is a list of some common words about which there is no disagreement. Every dictionary that has the variant labels the spelling British. The starred words are found in all five dictionaries; the number following each non-starred word indicates the number of dictionaries having the British variant.

*aeroplane
*aluminium
amortise (3)
analyse (4)
*annexe (noun)
*arbour
*ardour
*armour
*behaviour
*candour
carburettor (4)
*centre
*cheque
civilise (3)
*clamour
*clangour

[9] "The American abolition of *-our* in such words as *honour* and *favour* has probably retarded rather than quickened British progress in the same direction. Our first notification that the book we are reading is not English but American is often, nowadays, the sight of an *-or*. 'Yankee' we say, and congratulate ourselves on spelling like gentlemen; we wisely decline to regard it as a matter for argument. The English way cannot but be better than the American way; that is enough" (H.W. Fowler, *Modern English Usage,* Second Edition, p. 428).

[10] As noted above in the examination of doubled consonants, RH uses the label more frequently than the other dictionaries. This tendency is particularly noticeable with the *-ize/-ise* verbs. The reference list contains only a few words–*criticise, sterilise, utilise*–on which there is general agreement. The list would be unmanageably long had it included all of the *-ise* variants found only in RH. In the "A" section, for instance, RH has entries for 36 *-ize* verbs, ranging from *acclimatize* to *azotize*. In addition to the "Also, esp. Brit." plus the *-ise* spelling at the end of most of the *-ize* entries, RH has, for every one of the 36 verbs, a separate bold-face entry for the *-ise* spelling, the spelling labeled British and the definition consisting merely of the *-ize* form. An examination of the "A" sections of the other dictionaries reveals that NC and AH have none of these *-ise* variants, NW gives only *amortise,* and SC gives (but not in separate entries) *amortise, Anglicise, archaise, arterialise, atomise,* and *attitudinise. The Concise Oxford* has no entries for nine of the verbs found in RH, for four it gives only the *-ize* spelling, and for the others it gives the two forms, in every case with the *-ize* spelling in first position.

*colour
*connexion
criticise (3)
cyder (4)
deflexion (4)
demeanour (4)
*dolour
*draught
*enamoured
endeavour (4)
*favour
*fervour
*flavour
*fount (in printing)
*gaol
genuflexion (4)
*harbour
*honour
*humour
*inflexion
jemmy (4)
jewellery (3)
*kerb
*labour
*metre
misdemeanour (4)
mouldy (4)
*neighbour
*odour
*pyjamas
*parlour
*rancour
reconnoitre (4)
*rigour
*rumour
*sceptre
*splendour
sterilise (3)
*succour
*tyre
tumour (4)
utilise (3)
*valour
*vapour
*vigour
*waggon
whilst (4) ("Br. or Amer. Dial." in the fifth)

Two other listings might be of interest here. The following secondary spellings are found in all five dictionaries. Four of the dictionaries label them British; the one dictionary that attaches no qualifying label to the variant is given in parentheses following the word:

defence (NC)
liquorice (RH)
litre (NC)
lustre (NC)
manoeuvre (RH)
medallist (NC)
mitre (NC)
mould (NC)
moult (NC)
plough (NC)
pretence (NC)
programme (NC)
reflexion (SC)
savour (NC)
sepulchre (NC)
serjeant (NC)
spectre (NC)
storey (of a building) (NC)

The reference list contains so many variants to which only one dictionary attaches the British label that extracting all of them and listing them here would be cumbersome. For illustrative purposes, here are a few. For all of these, four dictionaries give the spelling as an unqualified variant; the dictionary that uses the British label is identified:

acknowledgement (RH)
axe (SC)
disc (SC)
enrol (SC)
faggot (RH)
floatation (RH)
fulfil (SC)
instal (SC)
judgement (RH)
laisser-faire (NC)
ochre (SC)
oesophagus (NW)
omelette (SC)
pastellist (RH)
quartette (RH)
sceptic (NW)
skilful (SC)
smoulder (NW)
spelt (NC)
spirt (AH)
wainscotting (RH)
wigeon (AH)
wilful (SC)

### Other national labels

Another qualification occasionally found with a variant spelling, certainly one which should not be considered a serious restriction on its use, indicates a national preference other than British. The spelling *cañon,* an unqualified variant for *canyon* in three dictionaries, is identified as Spanish in AH and NW. One dictionary (SC) indicates that the following spellings are chiefly U.S.: *cigaret, glamor, handcraft, sirup,* and *wooly.* And although four dictionaries place *froe* in first position and offer *frow* as a variant, RH makes *frow* the first entry and characterizes *froe* as "chiefly U.S."

Certain uses of the designation "French" with some spellings result in a few dictionary entries that could conceivably lead to arguments concerning the appropriate form to be used in the writing of a native-born United States student.

ambience: first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
ambiance: first entry in AH, NW; unqualified in NC, RH; French in SC
hors d'oeuvres (plural): first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in RH (SC notes that *hors d'oeuvre* is "both singular and plural in French. An English plural. *hors d'oeuvres,* is also seen.")
hors d'oeuvre: first entry in RH, SC; unqualified in AH, NC; French in NW
intransigent: first entry in all
intransigeant: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; French in SC
naive: first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
naïve: first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
naïf: unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; "French, masculine form" in SC
naif: unqualified in AH, NW, RH; "French, masculine form" in SC

### Restrictive labels with variants

When our modern desk dictionaries are compared, two problems of interpretation arise: the use of a variant spelling for one meaning of a word but not for other meanings, and the use of a qualifying label with a negative force, a label which could raise doubts about the acceptability of a variant form. The first problem is complicated by the lack of uniform practice among the dictionaries in the recording of variants. An understanding of the cross references to a secondary or even tertiary definition for a word demands sometimes a patient and perceptive reading of definitions and careful attention to often inconspicuous superior numbers. Good examples from the reference list showing this difficulty of interpretation are the entries for *kola/cola, sanatorium/sanitarium.*

A user of NC may occasionally encounter an entry for a variant which leaves him with some unanswered questions. Here are two examples, reproduced in their entirety, for spellings not found in any of the other four dictionaries:

leach /lēch/ *var of* leech
nett *Brit var of* net

The questions such entries give rise to are obvious. On the authority of NC may one write *leach* for any meaning of *leech,* for which NC has one noun entry with three numbered definitions, one verb entry with two definitions, and another noun entry with two definitions? And are we to understand that in British writing we might find *nett* used for all of the five separate entries for *net*? *The Concise Oxford* offers no enlightenment, since *nett* is not found in it.

The second problem of interpretation, the use of qualifying labels with certain spellings, could surely cause arguments between teachers and student writers, particularly on the not infrequent occasion when some dictionaries use a negative label with a spelling when others give the variant with no qualification.

The qualifying tags range from such neutral–and rather fuzzy–designations as "informal," "sometimes," "literary," and "poetic," to more explicit condemnations like "rare(ly)," "archaic," "dialect," "obsolete," "nonstandard," and "erroneous spelling of."

Interesting clusters of qualifications are found with shortened or clipped forms of some everyday words:

all right: first entry in all
  alright: "a common misspelling" in AH; "a disputed spelling" in NW; unqualified in NC; nonstandard in RH; "a spelling not yet considered acceptable" in SC
thorough: first entry in all
  thoro: nonstandard in NC; clipped form in NW; informal in RH; rare in SC
though: first entry in all
  tho: informal in AH, RH; "*var of* though" in NC; clipped form in NW; "also spelled" in SC
  tho': clipped form in NW; informal in RH
through: first entry in all
  thru: informal in AH, RH; "*var of* through" in NC; "shortened spelling" in NW; "also spelled" in SC
  thro: archaic in NC, NW, RH; "also spelled" in SC
  thro': archaic in NW, RH; "also" in SC [included in the thro entry]

By way of conclusion, it might be helpful to list here a few spellings which might cause some uneasiness for a user who discovers a form given in one dictionary as an unqualified variant and given in another with a restrictive label attached:

ambassador: first entry in all
  embassador: unqualified in NW; "archaic" in RH, SC
appraise: first entry in all
  apprize: unqualified in NW, SC; "obsolete" in RH
carcass: first entry in all
  carcase: unqualified in RH, SC; British in NC, NW; "archaic" in AH

choreography: first entry in all
  choregraphy: unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH; "rarely" in NW
clarinet: first entry in all
  clarionet: unqualified in RH; "rare" in AH, SC; "archaic" in NW
entreat: first entry in all
  intreat: unqualified in AH, SC; "archaic" in NC, NW, RH
frenzy: first entry in all
  phrensy: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; "rare" in SC; "earlier spelling" in NW
gullible: first entry in all
  gullable: unqualified in NC, RH; "rare" in NW
Hindu: first entry in all
  Hindoo: unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; "archaic" in AH
hoofs: first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
  hooves: first entry in NC; unqualified variant in AH, RH, SC; "rarely" in NW
lackey: first entry in all
  lacquey: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "obsolete" in NW
mayhem: first entry in all
  maihem: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "earlier form" in NW
memento: first entry in all
  momento: unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of *memento*" in NW
minuscule: first entry in all
  miniscule: unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of *minuscule*" in NW
purl (knitting term): first entry in all
  pearl: unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "obsolete" in NW
soigné: first entry in all
  soignée: unqualified in NC, RH; "Feminine" in AH, NW
sovereign: first entry in all
  sovran: unqualified in NC; "poetic" in AH, SC; "literary" in RH; "rare" in NW
subtle: first entry in all
  subtile: unqualified in AH, NC, SC; "archaic" in RH; "rare" in NW
surprise (verb): first entry in all
  surprize: unqualified in NC; "rare" in AH, SC
unawares (adv): first entry in all
  unaware: unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; "archaic" in SC
vitamin: first entry in all
  vitamine: unqualified in RH, SC; "rare" in AH
woeful: first entry in all
  woful: unqualified in AH, NC, RH; "archaic" in NW, SC

## REFERENCE LIST

In the selection of the words to be included in the reference list, certain matters and procedures had to be determined quite arbitrarily. The basic intent, admittedly a very flexible guide, has been to provide a list including those fairly common words assumed to be in the active vocabulary of most adults, which the dictionaries offer as variants or secondary spellings, and which, consequently, could lead to questions in the mind of student or teacher concerning the propriety of and authority for certain spellings. Some other words of more limited occurrence have also been included, the justification being that serious observers of present-day English usages are interested in examples of language trends and in the methods lexicographers use to record spelling choices. The list would become unmanageably long if it included the hundreds of variants for highly technical terms, geographical proper nouns, unusual foreign terms, and rarely used words, interesting though many of these dictionary entries are—such bits of information, for instance, as the fact that the item defined as "a scarf wrapped around the crown of a sun helmet" may be spelled *puggree* (first entry in AH,NW; variant in NC, RH, SC); *pugree* (first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH); *puggaree* (first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC); *pugaree* (variant in AH, NC, NW, RH); or *puggry* (variant in SC).

Similarly, space could not be given to most paired words which are names for essentially the same things or concepts but which have taken on distinct identities even though some of the dictionaries often set up such entries in a manner that might suggest that the words are alternate spellings; e.g., "*marzipan* . . . also called *marchpane*." However, the list does include a few pairs of words (*drought/drouth; transvestism/transvestitism)* which, in spite of the clear distinction between their spoken forms, could possibly be thought of as spelling choices when written.

A second problem has been that of interpreting the dictionary recording of variants, a problem complicated by the lack of uniform

practice among the dictionaries. In general, six patterns are found. A given dictionary may explain in its prefatory material that one pattern means that the words are used interchangeably or nearly so, whereas another pattern means that the variant is less commonly encountered (the distinction in NC between entries joined by *or* and those joined by *also*, for instance). But in this list degrees of preference are not noted. True, the list does show that for many pairs of words the dictionaries have not agreed on which one should be placed in the first position. But to go beyond this and attempt to record varying degrees of occurrence or preference would so complicate the material as to discourage its use as a record of those spellings which the dictionaries present, with or without qualifications, as variants.

In the reference list an entry will have a part-of-speech designation when that information is pertinent. Similarly, a definition is given for certain entries when it is necessary to note that a variant may be authorized for one meaning but not for another. Thus *banneret*, defined as "a small banner," carries the variant *bannerette* in all five dictionaries. The definition is needed because none of the dictionaries show the variant for another meaning for *banneret*, "a knight . . . entitled to lead vassals under his own banner."

Words have been included in this list if they are found in one or more of the five dictionaries under the following patterns:

(1) Two words are found together in heavy type at the head of the entry.

**cutlass, cutlas** (NW)
**cutlass,** also **cutlas** (NC)

(2) The second spelling is found, usually in distinctive type, at the end of the entry. The dictionaries use various methods of indicating whether a variant entered this way applies to all of the meanings of the main entry or to only certain of the meanings.

**dishabille** . . . Also, **deshabille** (RH)
**cipher** . . . Also spelled **cypher** (SC)

(3) Plurals of nouns, principal parts of verbs, and comparative and superlative forms of adjectives are found in their normal position following the main entry.

**cargo** . . . pl. **-goes, -gos** (RH)
**travel** . . . **-eled** or **-elled; -eling** or **-elling** (NC)
**cruel** . . . **crueler** or **-eller, cruelest** or **-ellest** (SC)

(4) A second spelling, although sometimes not noted with the main entry, will be found in its alphabetical position and explained in such a way that it clearly has the sole function of serving as a variant for the main entry.

**despatch** . . . var of **dispatch** (NC)
**inclose** . . . same as **enclose** (NW)
**blameable** . . . **blamable** (RH)

(5) Undefined derived forms are entered side by side, usually at the end of the entry for the base word.

**ignite** . . . **-ignitable, ignitible** adj. **-igniter, ignitor** n. (AH)
**smoke** . . . **-smokable, smokeable** adj. (NW)
**trimester** . . . **-trimestral, trimestrial** adj. (RH)

(6) A word may be a variant for one word and also be the main entry for other meanings. For instance, NW has an entry for *revue* (" a type of musical show") with no variant indicated. But the entry for *review,* which has nine numbered definitions for the noun, includes the following: "8. *same as* REVUE."

The words presented in this list have been studied to determine the number of dictionaries giving the variant, the preference given one spelling over the other, and the qualifying restrictions, if any, placed upon the variant. For nearly all of the words it has not been difficult to decide which form a dictionary considers the more common spelling and which the variant. In those cases in which a dictionary gives both spellings separate entries in alphabetical position, the form which is used to define the other, and which nearly always turns out to be the form carrying the more extensive grammatical and etymological information and definitions, is assumed to be the first or main entry.

If any information that can be interpreted as a qualification restricting the use of a variant is given, that information follows the variant entry. Slang and colloquial designations have been disregarded as having no bearing on the problem of spelling, and the occasionally encountered "sometimes" or "sometimes spelled" has not been interpreted as a restrictive qualification. But such labels as *British, U.S., dialectic, provincial, rare, archaic, less correctly,* and *erroneously* have been noted after the variant entry.

### How to Use the Reference List

In the list that follows, there are three possible arrangements for the words.

I. When there is no disagreement among dictionaries as to which is the first entry and which is the variant, the first entry is flush with the left margin, and the variant or variants follow on the same line.

**curtsy** first entry in all; **curtsey** variant in all
**riposte** first entry in all; **ripost** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
**pilaf** first entry in all; **pilau** variant in all; **pilaff** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **pilaw** variant in AH, NW, SC
**curvy** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **curvey** variant in RH

II. When the dictionaries do not agree on which is the first entry and which the variant, or on the use of a qualifying label, the spelling in first position in most of the dictionaries is on the left margin and other spellings are indented on the line below.

**eyeing** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**eying** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

**ampul** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
**ampule** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
**ampoule** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

Additional spellings which no dictionary places in first position normally do not occupy separate lines.

**borscht** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
**borsch** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **borsht** variant in AH, NW, RH

A second spelling is placed on an indented second line whenever there is lack of agreement on the use of a restrictive label.

**distill** first entry in all
**distil** unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC

**ambience** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
**ambiance** first entry in AH, NW; unqualified in NC, RH; French in SC

**purl** (knitting term) first entry in all
**pearl** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; obsolete in NW

III. A few of the items in the list are set up on two lines, both on the left margin, to show that a first entry/variant status cannot be determined. This situation develops with fairly uncommon words for which only two or four dictionaries have entries.

**black marketeer** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC
**black marketer** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH

**peperoni** first entry in RH; variant in NW
**pepperoni** first entry in NW; variant in RH

**Key to Abbreviations**

AH: *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* (1973)

NC: *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*, Eighth Edition (1973)

NW: *Webster's New World Dictionary*, Second College Edition (1970)

RH: *The Random House College Dictionary* (1972)

SC: *Standard College Dictionary*, Text Edition (1968)

## A

**abettor** first entry in all; **abetter** variant in all

**abridgable** first entry in NW, RH, SC
**abridgeable** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**abridgment** first entry in all
**abridgement** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**absinthe** first entry in all; **absinth** variant in all

**absorbent** first entry in all; **absorbant** variant in NC

**abstracter** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**abstractor** first entry in NC

**a cappella** first entry in all; **a capella** variant in NC

**accessory** first entry in all
**accessary** unqualified for noun and adj in NW, and for noun only in AH, NC; restricted to two legal uses in RH; usage note in SC: "**Accessory** is now the commoner form, in both general and legal usage"

**accidentally** first entry in all; **accidently** variant in NC

**accompanist** first entry in all; **accompanyist** variant in NW, RH, SC

**accouter** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**accoutre** first entry in NC; unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC

**accouterment** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**accoutrement** first entry in NC; unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**accursed** first entry in all; **accurst** variant in all

**acknowledgment** first entry in all
**acknowledgement** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**acronical** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **acronycal** variant in NW, RH, SC; **acronychal** variant in NW, SC

**adapter** first entry in all; **adaptor** variant in all

**addable** first entry in all; **addible** variant in all

**addresser** first entry in all; **addressor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**adduceable** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
**adducible** first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH. SC

**adjurer** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **adjuror** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**adjuster** first entry in all; **adjustor** variant in all

**admittable** first entry in RH; **admittible** variant in RH

**advertise** first entry in all; **advertize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**adviser** first entry in all; **advisor** variant in all

**adz** first entry in all; **adze** variant in all

**aegis** first entry in all; **egis** variant in all

**aeolian** (pertaining to or caused by the wind) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**eolian** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**aerie** first entry in all; **aery** variant in all; **eyrie** variant in all; **eyry** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**Aesculapian** first entry in all; **Esculapian** variant in RH, SC

**aesthete** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
**esthete** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**aesthetic** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**esthetic** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**afeard** first entry in all; **afeared** variant in all

**affair** (a romantic attachment; a scandal) first entry in all
**affaire** unqualified in NC, NW; French in SC

**aficionado** first entry in all; **afficionado** variant in NC

**afreet** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**afrit** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**Afrikander** (breed of cattle) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC
**Africander** first entry in NC; variant in RH

**Afrikaner** (So. African of European descent) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**Afrikander** first entry in RH; variant in AH, SC; "earlier form" in NW

**afterward** first entry in all; **afterwards** variant in all

**aga** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **agha** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**aging** first entry in all
**ageing** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

**aglet** first entry in all; **aiglet** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**à gogo** first entry in AH, RH
**à go-go** first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH
**a-go-go** first entry in NC; **a go-go** variant in NW; **au gogo** variant in RH

**agouti** first entry in all; **agouty** variant in AH, NW, SC

**agriculturist** (1. an expert in agriculture; 2. a farmer) first entry in all
**agriculturalist** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, RH, and for 2 only in NW, SC

**aide-de-camp** first entry in all
**aid-de-camp** unqualified in NW; U.S. in RH, SC

**aigrette** first entry in all; **aigret** variant in AH, NW, SC

**airplane** first entry in all; **aeroplane** British in all

**albacore** first entry in all; **albicore** variant in SC

**alchemy** first entry in all; **alchymy** variant in SC

**alidade** first entry in ali; **alidad** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**alienor** first entry in all; **aliener** variant in RH, SC

**align** first entry in all; **aline** variant in all

**alkalis** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**alkalies** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**all-around** (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**all-round** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **all round** variant in RH

**allergen** first entry in all; **allergin** variant in SC

**all right** first entry in all
**alright** unqualified in NC; "a common misspelling" in AH; "a disputed spelling" in NW; nonstandard in RH; "a spelling not yet considered acceptable" in SC

**almoner** first entry in all; **almner** variant in SC

**alpenhorn** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **alphorn** variant in NW, RH, SC

**althea** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**althaea** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**although** first entry in all
**altho** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "now sometimes spelled" in NW

**aluminum** first entry in all; **aluminium** British in all

**amah** first entry in all; **ama** variant in AH, SC

**amalgamator** first entry in all; **amalgamater** variant in SC

**ambassador** first entry in all
**embassador** unqualified in NW; archaic in RH, SC

**ambience** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH, NW
**ambiance** first entry in AH, NW; unqualified in NC, RH; French in SC

**amid** first entry in all; **amidst** variant in all

**amidships** (adv) first entry in all; **midships** variant in all; **amidship** variant in AH, NW, RH

**amnesiac** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
**amnesic** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**amoeba** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**ameba** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**among** first entry in all; **amongst** variant in all

**amortize** first entry in all; **amortise** British in NW, RH, SC

**amphibian** (an airplane constructed to rise from and alight on either land or water) first entry in all; **amphibion** variant in SC

**amphitheater** first entry in all
**amphitheatre** unqualified in NW, RH; British in AH, SC

**ampul** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC
**ampule** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW
**ampoule** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**amtrac** (military vehicle for land or water) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **amtrack** variant in AH, NC, RH

**amuck** (e.g., "to run amuck") first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**amok** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**analogue** first entry in all; **analog** variant in all

**analyze** first entry in all; **analyse** British in NC, NW, RH, SC

**anapest** first entry in all; **anapaest** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**anchorite** first entry in all; **anchoret** variant in all

**anecdotist** first entry in all; **anecdotalist** variant in NC, RH

**anemia** first entry in all; **anaemia** variant in all

**anesthesia** first entry in all; **anaesthesia** variant in all

**aneurysm** first entry in all; **aneurism** variant in all

**Anglophile** first entry in all; **Anglophil** variant in AH, RH, SC

**aniline** first entry in all; **anilin** variant in AH, RH, SC

**animator** first entry in all; **animater** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**annex** (noun) first entry in all; **annexe** British in all

**anomie** first entry in all; **anomy** variant in AH, NC, NW

**anted** (past tense, past part.) first entry in all; **anteed** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**antigen** first entry in all; **antigene** variant in AH, SC

**antimasque** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **antimask** variant in NW, RH, SC

**antitoxin** first entry in all; **antitoxine** variant in RH, SC

**apologue** first entry in all; **apolog** variant in SC

**apothegm** first entry in all; **apophthegm** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**appall** first entry in all
**appal** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**appanage** first entry in all; **apanage** variant in all

**appareled, -ling** first entry in all
**apparelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**appendant** first entry in all; **appendent** variant in NW, RH, SC

**appraise** first entry in all; **apprise** variant in NW, SC
**apprize** unqualified in NW, SC; obsolete in RH

**apprise** first entry in all; **apprize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**aquavit** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**akvavit** first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC

**aquiculture** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**aquaculture** first entry in NW; variant in NC

**arabesque** first entry in all; **arabesk** variant in SC

**arbalest** first entry in all; **arbalist** variant in all

**arbor** first entry in all; **arbour** British in all

**arced, -cing** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **arcked, -cking** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**archaeology** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
**archeology** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**archipelagoes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**archipelagos** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**ardor** first entry in all; **ardour** British in all

**argyle** (knitting pattern; sock) first entry in all; **argyll** variant in AH, NC

**Aristotelian** (adj) first entry in all; **Aristotelean** variant in AH, NC, SC

**armfuls** first entry in all; **armsful** variant in NC

**armor** first entry in all; **armour** British in all

**arrester** first entry in all; **arrestor** variant in NC, NW

**arrivederci** first entry in NW, RH
**a rivederci** first entry in SC; variant in RH; "older form of" in NW

**artifact** first entry in all; **artefact** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**Aryan** first entry in all; **Arian** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**asafetida** first entry in all; **asafoetida** variant in all; **assafetida** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **assafoetida** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**asbestos** first entry in all; **asbestus** variant in all

**ascendable** first entry in all; **ascendible** variant in all

**ascendance** first entry in all; **ascendence** variant in all

**ascendant** first entry in all; **ascendent** variant in all

**ashlar** first entry in all; **ashler** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**askance** first entry in all
**askant** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; archaic or poetic in NW

**asperser** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **aspersor** variant in AH, SC

**assenter** first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC
**assentor** first entry in NC; variant in AH, RH
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in SC, which has a text entry for **assentor** and includes **assenter** as an undefined derived form in the verb entry)

**assertable** first entry in AH, SC
**assertible** first entry in RH; variant in AH, SC

**asserter** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **assertor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**assigner** first entry in all
**assignor** unqualified in NC; legal sense in AH, NW, RH, SC

**assurer** first entry in all; **assuror** variant in NC, RH

**astrakhan** first entry in all; **astrachan** variant in all

**athenaeum** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**atheneum** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**atonable** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **atoneable** variant in AH, RH, SC

**atropine** first entry in all; **atropin** variant in AH, NW, SC

**attar** first entry in all; **otto** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **ottar** variant in AH, RH, SC

**attester** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **attestor** variant in AH, NW, RH

**attorneys general** first entry in all; **attorney generals** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**attractor** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**attracter** first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**attributer** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **attributor** variant in AH, RH, SC

**aught** first entry in all; **ought** variant in all

**augmenter** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **augmentor** variant in NC, RH

**auntie** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **aunty** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**aureole** first entry in all; **aureola** variant in all

**autarky** first entry in all; **autarchy** variant in all

**autoerotism** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**autoeroticism** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**autogiro** first entry in all; **autogyro** variant in all

**avertible** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **avertable** variant in AH, RH, SC

**avocados** first entry in all; **avocadoes** variant in NC

**avocet** first entry in all; **avoset** variant in RH, SC

**awing** (pres. part.) first entry in all; **aweing** variant in AH, SC

**aweless** first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**awless** first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC

**ax** first entry in all
**axe** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**axman** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **axeman** variant in SC

**aye** first entry in all; **ay** variant in all

## B

**babu** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**baboo** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

**baby's-breath** (herb with small flowers) first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
**baby's breath** first entry in NC, NW
**babies'-breath** first entry in RH; variant in AH, SC; **babies' breath** variant in NW

**baccarat** first entry in all; **baccara** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**bach** (to live alone and keep house) first entry in all; **batch** variant in AH, NC, NW

**backhand** (adv) first entry in all; **backhanded** variant in NC

**backstairs** (adj) first entry in all; **backstair** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**backward** (adv) first entry in all; **backwards** variant in all

**backwoods** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **backwood** variant in NW, RH, SC

**baddie** first entry in NC; **baddy** variant in NC

**bagfuls** first entry in AH, NW, RH; **bagsful** variant in AH
(Although NC7 has "bagfuls also bagsful" for the plural, NC8 shows no plural for **bagful**)

**baguette** first entry in all; **baguet** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**bail** (to remove water, as from a boat) first entry in all; **bale** variant in RH

**baklava** (Middle Eastern pastry) first entry in AH, NW, RH; **baklawa** variant in RH

**baksheesh** first entry in all; **bakshish** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **backsheesh** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **backshish** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**balk** first entry in all
**baulk** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in NC

**baloney** (nonsense) first entry in all; **boloney** variant in all

**bandanna** first entry in all; **bandana** variant in all

**banderole** first entry in all; **banderol** variant in all; **bannerol** variant in AH, NC, NW; **bannerole** variant in SC; **banner roll** variant in NC

**bandoleer** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**bandolier** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**banister** first entry in all; **bannister** variant in all

**banjos** first entry in all; **banjoes** variant in all

**banneret** (small banner) first entry in all; **bannerette** variant in all

**banns** first entry in all; **bans** variant in AH, RH, SC

**banshee** first entry in all; **banshie** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**banyan** first entry in all; **banian** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**baptistery** first entry in all; **baptistry** variant in all

**barbed wire** first entry in all; **barbwire** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**barcarole** first entry in all; **barcarolle** variant in all

**bareback** first entry in all; **barebacked** variant for adj and adv in NC, RH, and for adj only in AH, SC

**barefoot** first entry in all; **barefooted** variant for adj and adv in NC, RH, and for adj only in AH, NW, SC

**bareknuckle** first entry in NC, RH; **bareknuckled** variant in NC, RH

**baritone** first entry in all; **barytone** variant in all

**bark** (sailing vessel) first entry in all; **barque** variant in all

**barkentine** first entry in all; **barquentine** variant in all; **barkantine** variant in RH; **barquantine** variant in RH

**bar mitzvah** first entry in all; **bar mizvah** variant in AH, NW; **bar mitsvah** variant in RH

**barracuda** first entry in all; **barracouta** variant in NC

**barranca** first entry in all; **barranco** variant in NC, NW

**barrator** first entry in all; **barrater** variant in all; **barretor** variant in RH

**barratry** first entry in all; **barretry** variant in NW, RH, SC

**barreled, -ling** first entry in all
**barrelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**barrelfuls** first entry in NC, RH, SC; **barrelsful** variant in NC

**bastille** first entry in all; **bastile** variant in all

**bateau** first entry in all; **batteau** variant in NC, RH

**batik** first entry in all; **battik** variant in AH, NW, SC

**battle-ax** first entry in all; **battle-axe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**battles royal** first entry in AH, NC, NW; **battle royals** variant in NC

**bayoneted, -ting** first entry in all; **bayonetted, -tting** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**bazaar** first entry in all; **bazar** variant in AH, RH, SC

**bedeviled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**bedevilled, -lling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**Bedouin** first entry in all; **Beduin** variant in AH, RH, SC

**bedward** (adv) first entry in NW, SC; **bedwards** variant in NW, SC

**beeves** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**beefs** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC (All five specify **beefs** as the only plural for the meaning "complaints")

**begorra** first entry in NC, RH; **begorah** variant in RH; **begorrah** variant in RH

**behavior** first entry in all; **behaviour** British in all

**behoove** first entry in all
**behove** unqualified in NC; British in NW, RH, SC

**beldam** first entry in all; **beldame** variant in all

**benedict** first entry in all; **benedick** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**benefited, -ting** first entry in all; **benefitted, -tting** variant in NC, RH

**benzine** first entry in all; **benzin** variant in AH, RH, SC

**berm** (ledge at the side of a moat) first entry in all; **berme** variant in all

**bestrew** first entry in all; **bestrow** variant in SC

**bettor** (one who bets) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**better** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**beveled, -ling** first entry in all
**bevelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**bhang** (Indian hemp, hashish) first entry in all; **bang** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**biased, -sing** first entry in all
**biassed, -ssing** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**biaxial** first entry in all; **biaxal** variant in SC

**bibliophile** first entry in all; **bibliophil** variant in AH, NW, SC

**bimetallism** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**bimetalism** first entry in SC

**biretta** first entry in all; **berretta** variant in AH, NW, SC; **birretta** variant in AH; **beretta** variant in AH

**bisque** (soup, ice cream) first entry in all; **bisk** variant in RH

**bitable** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **biteable** variant in AH, RH, SC

**black marketeer** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC
**black marketer** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH

**blamable** first entry in all; **blameable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**blather** first entry in all; **blether** variant in all; **blither** (verb only) variant in NC

**blear-eyed** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH
**bleary-eyed** first entry in AH, NW; variant in RH, SC; **bleareyed** variant in NW

**blessed** first entry in all; **blest** variant in all

**blimey** (British slang) first entry in NW, RH; **blimy** variant in RH

**blindman's buff** first entry in all; **blindman's bluff** variant in NW, RH

**blintze** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in AH
**blintz** first entry in AH, NW; variant in NC, RH, SC

**blond** (adj, noun) first entry in all; **blonde** variant in all
(In NC, for adj and noun, and in NW, for adj only, no spelling distinction is made on a masculine/feminine basis. All the other dictionaries make a distinction such as that in a usage note in AH: "**Blond** and **brunet**, as adjectives, may be used of both sexes. As nouns, they are usually restricted to males. **Blonde** and **brunette**, as nouns and adjectives, are used only of females.")

**blooey** (e.g., "go blooey") first entry in NW; **blooie** variant in NW

**blowzy** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**blowsy** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH; **blowzed** variant in RH, SC; **blowsed** variant in RH; **blousy** variant in RH

**bluing** first entry in all; **blueing** variant in all

**bluish** first entry in all; **blueish** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**boatman** first entry in all; **boatsman** variant in RH

**boatswain** first entry in all; **bosun** variant in all; **bo's'n** variant in all; **bos'n** variant in NC; **bo'sun** variant in NC

**bobby pin** first entry in all; **bobbie pin** variant in SC

**bobby socks** first entry in all; **bobby sox** variant in AH, NC, NW

**bogey** (one over par in golf) first entry in all; **bogie** variant in NC, SC; **bogy** variant in NC

**bogeyman** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH
**boogeyman** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC
**bogyman** first entry in NW; variant in AH
**boogieman** first entry in AH; variant in RH; **boogerman** variant in NC, RH; **boogyman** variant in AH

**bogy** (goblin, evil spirit) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**bogey** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **bogie** variant in all

**bollix** (to bungle, botch) first entry in all; **bollox** variant in AH, RH

**bologna** first entry in all
**baloney** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; informal in AH, RH; **boloney** unqualified in SC; informal in AH, RH

**bombazine** first entry in all; **bombasine** variant in AH, RH, SC; **bombazeen** variant in RH

**bongos** (drums) first entry in all; **bongoes** variant in AH, NC, RH

**bonhomie** first entry in all; **bonhommie** variant in AH, NW, SC

**bonny** first entry in all; **bonnie** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**bons mots** first entry in all; **bon mots** variant in NC

**bonspiel** first entry in all; **bonspell** variant in AH, SC

**bons vivants** first entry in all; **bon vivants** variant in NC

**bony** first entry in all; **boney** variant in NC

**bootee** first entry in all; **bootie** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**borscht** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
**borsch** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **borsht** variant in AH, NW, RH

**boscage** first entry in all; **boskage** variant in all

**bougainvillea** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC
**bougainvillaea** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**boulder** first entry in all; **bowlder** variant in all

**bourn** first entry in all; **bourne** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**bouzouki** first entry in NC, NW; **bousouki** variant in NC

**Brahman** (1. Indian caste member; 2. breed of cattle) first entry in all; **Brahmin** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, and for 1 only in NW, RH, SC

**brand-new** first entry in all; **bran-new** variant in AH, RH, SC

**brant** first entry in all
**brent** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**brassie** (type of golf club) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **brassy** variant in AH, RH, SC

**bravadoes** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **bravados** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**bravoes** (hired assassins, villains) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**bravos** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**brazier** first entry in all; **brasier** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**breechcloth** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**breechclout** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**brevetted, -tting** first entry in all; **breveted, -ting** variant in all

**briar** (a pipe made from brierroot) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**brier** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW

**bribable** first entry in all; **bribeable** variant in RH

**brier** (a prickly plant, a growth of such plants) first entry in all; **briar** variant in all

**brimful** first entry in all; **brimfull** variant in AH, RH

**brinkmanship** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**brinksmanship** first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW

**briquette** first entry in all; **briquet** variant in all

**brisling** (small sardinelike herring) first entry in all; **bristling** variant in NC

**Briticism** first entry in all; **Britishism** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**broadax** first entry in all; **broadaxe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**broccoli** first entry in all; **brocoli** variant in NC

**brokerage** first entry in all; **brokage** variant in SC

**bromide** (chemical compound) first entry in all; **bromid** variant in SC

**bromine** first entry in all; **bromin** variant in SC

**bronco** first entry in all; **broncho** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**brooch** first entry in all; **broach** variant in AH, NC, NW

**brunet** (adj, noun) first entry in all; **brunette** variant in all
(See entry above for **blond**)

**brusque** first entry in all; **brusk** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**buckaroo** first entry in all; **buckeroo** variant in AH, NC; **buckayro** variant in SC

**bucketfuls** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **bucketsful** variant in NC

**budgerigar** first entry in all; **budgereegah** variant in RH; **budgerigah** variant in SC; **budgerygah** variant in RH

**budgeter** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**budgeteer** first entry in NC

**buffaloes** first entry in all; **buffalos** variant in all

**buhl** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**boulle** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH; **boule** variant in AH, NW, RH

**bullyrag** first entry in all; **ballyrag** variant in AH, NC, RH

**bulrush** first entry in all; **bullrush** variant in NC

**bun** first entry in all; **bunn** variant in RH, SC

**bunco** first entry in all; **bunko** variant in all

**bunkum** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
**buncombe** first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH

**bur** (prickly seed case or flower) first entry in all; **burr** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**bur** (cutting tool, dentist's drill) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**burr** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC

**burette** first entry in all; **buret** variant in all

**burgeon** first entry in all; **bourgeon** variant in all

**burnoose** first entry in all; **burnous** variant in all

**burr** (gutteral trill, any rough pronunciation) first entry in all; **bur** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**bused, -sing** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**bussed, -ssing** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**buses** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**busses** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**bushwa** first entry in NW; **bushwah** variant in NW

**buttinsky** first entry in NC; **buttinski** variant in NC

**button-down** (adhering to conventional ideals, especially in behavior and dress) first entry in NC; **buttoned-down** variant in NC

**by the by** first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**by the bye** first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW; **bye the bye** variant in SC

**bye** (a player not paired in an early round) first entry in all; **by** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**bye-bye** first entry in all; **by-by** variant in NC

**by-election** first entry in all; **bye-election** variant in AH, NC, RH

**bylaw** first entry in all; **byelaw** variant in NC, RH

## C

**cabala** first entry in all; **cabbala** variant in all; **kabala** variant in all; **kabbala** variant in all; **cabbalah** variant in NC; **kabbalah** variant in NC

**cabby** (driver of a cab) first entry in all; **cabbie** variant in NC, NW, RH

**cacciatore** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **cacciatora** variant in RH

**caddie** first entry in all; **caddy** variant in all

**caesarean** (surgical operation) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in SC
**cesarean** first entry in NC, SC; variant in AH, NW, RH; **cesarian** variant in all; **caesarian** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**Caesarean** (pertaining to Caesar) first entry in all; **Caesarian** variant in all; **Cesarean** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **Cesarian** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**caesura** first entry in all; **cesura** variant in all

**caffeine** first entry in all; **caffein** variant in AH, NW, SC

**caftan** first entry in all; **kaftan** variant in all

**cagey** first entry in all; **cagy** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**caiman** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**cayman** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**cairn** first entry in all; **carn** variant in RH
**karn** unqualified in AH; British in SC

**Cajun** first entry in all; **Cajan** variant in AH, NC, NW; **Caijan** variant in AH

**calcimine** first entry in all; **kalsomine** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**caldron** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**cauldron** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

**caliber** first entry in all
**calibre** unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC

**calibrator** first entry in all; **calibrater** variant in RH

**calicoes** first entry in all; **calicos** variant in all

**caliper** first entry in all; **calliper** variant in all

**caliph** first entry in all; **calif** variant in all; **khalif** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **kalif** variant in NW, RH, SC; **kaliph** variant in NW, SC; **khalifa** variant in RH

**calisthenics** first entry in all; **callisthenics** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**calk** (noun: device on shoe to prevent slipping; verb: to furnish with calks) first entry in all; **caulk** variant in NC

**calorie** first entry in all; **calory** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**calypsos** first entry in NC, RH; **calypsoes** variant in NC

**camass** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**camas** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC; **quamash** variant in all

**camellia** first entry in all; **camelia** variant in NC

**canalled, -lling** first entry in all; **canaled, -ling** variant in all

**canceled, -ling** first entry in all
**cancelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**canceler** first entry in all
**canceller** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**cancellation** first entry in all; **cancelation** variant in AH, NC, SC

**candor** first entry in all; **candour** British in all

**canister** first entry in all; **cannister** variant in NC

**cannikin** first entry in all; **canikin** variant in AH, RH, SC; **canakin** variant in RH

**cantaloupe** first entry in all; **cantaloup** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**cantilever** first entry in all; **cantalever** variant in AH, RH, SC; **cantaliver** variant in AH, RH; **cantiliver** variant in SC

**canvas** (noun: cloth, sails) first entry in all; **canvass** variant in NC

**canvass** (verb) first entry in all; **canvas** variant in NC

**canyon** first entry in all; **cañon** unqualified in NC, RH, SC; Spanish in AH, NW

**caracul** (pelt or fur of a karakul lamb) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**karakul** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**caravansary** first entry in all; **caravanserai** variant in all

**caravel** first entry in all; **carvel** variant in all; **caravelle** variant in AH, SC

**carbonadoes** (pieces of grilled meat scored before cooking) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**carbonados** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**carburetor** first entry in all; **carburettor** British in AH, NW, RH, SC; **carburetter** British in SC

**carcass** first entry in all
**carcase** unqualified in RH, SC; British in NC, NW; archaic in AH

**cardamom** first entry in all; **cardamon** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **cardamum** variant in AH, RH, SC

**cargoes** first entry in all; **cargos** variant in all

**carnelian** first entry in all; **cornelian** variant in all

**carny** (one who works with a carnival) first entry in AH, NC, NW; **carney** variant in AH, NC, NW; **carnie** variant in NC, NW

**caroled, -ling** first entry in all
**carolled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**carom** first entry in all; **carrom** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**carotene** first entry in all; **carotin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **carrotin** variant in AH, SC; **carrotene** variant in AH

**carousel** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**carrousel** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

**carrel** first entry in all; **carrell** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**cartography** first entry in all; **chartography** variant in NW, RH, SC

**casaba** first entry in all; **cassaba** variant in all

**Casbah** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**Kasbah** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**cashmere** first entry in all; **kashmir** variant in AH, RH, SC

**cassava** first entry in all; **casava** variant in AH, SC

**cassette** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **casette** variant in NC

**cassino** (a card game) first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**casino** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**caster** (for all meanings except "one who casts") first entry in all; **castor** variant in all

**catalo** (plural -oes or -os) first entry in AH, NW, SC
**cattalo** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**catalog** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC, both of which specify this form for library use
**catalogue** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**cataloger** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**cataloguer** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**catawampus** first entry in AH; **cattywampus** variant in AH

**catchpole** first entry in all; **catchpoll** variant in all

**cater-cornered** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**catercorner** first entry in NC; **kitty-cornered** variant in all; **catty-cornered** variant in all; **cater-corner** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **kitty-corner** variant in NC, NW, RH; **catty-corner** variant in NC, NW, RH

**catharsis** first entry in all; **katharsis** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**cathode** first entry in all; **kathode** variant in NW, RH, SC

**caucused, -sing** first entry in AH, NW, SC; **caucussed, -ssing** variant in AH, NW, SC

**caucuses** first entry in AH, RH; **caucusses** variant in AH

**caulk** (to make watertight) first entry in all; **calk** variant in all

**caviar** first entry in all; **caviare** variant in all

**caviled, -ling** first entry in all
**cavilled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**caviler** first entry in all
**caviller** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**celesta** first entry in all; **celeste** variant in AH, NW

**cellaret** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**cellarette** first entry in NC; variant in RH, SC

**Celt** first entry in all; **Kelt** variant in all

**center** first entry in all; **centre** British in all

**ceramic** (adj) first entry in all; **keramic** variant in NW, SC

**cesspool** first entry in all; **sesspool** variant in SC

**chagrined, -ning** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **chagrinned, -nning** variant in RH

**chairmaned, -ning** first entry in NC, NW, RH
**chairmanned, -nning** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH

**chaise longue** first entry in all; **chaise lounge** variant in NW, RH
(AH: "Also mistakenly called 'chaise lounge' ")

**chaise longues** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
**chaises longues** unqualified in AH, NC, NW; French in RH

**challis** first entry in all; **challie** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **chally** variant in RH

**chamois** (soft pliable leather or cloth) first entry in all; **chammy** variant in all; **shammy** variant in all; **shamois** variant in SC; **shamoy** variant in RH

**chamomile** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**camomile** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

**chancellery** first entry in all; **chancelry** variant in SC; **chancellory** variant in NC

**chancellor** first entry in all; **chancelor** variant in SC

**channeled, -ling** first entry in all
**channelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH

**chantey** first entry in all; **chanty** variant in all; **shanty** variant in all; **shantey** variant in all

**chanticleer** first entry in all; **chantecler** variant in RH

**chaperon** first entry in all; **chaperone** variant in all

**chapfallen** first entry in all; **chopfallen** variant in all

**chargeable** first entry in all; **chargable** variant in RH

**charisma** first entry in all; **charism** variant in all

**check** (written order to a bank) first entry in all; **cheque** British in all

**cheetah** first entry in all; **chetah** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**cheroot** first entry in all; **sheroot** variant in AH, SC

**chiaroscuro** first entry in all; **chiaro-oscuro** variant in AH, SC

**chicory** first entry in all; **chiccory** variant in AH, RH, SC

**chiffonier** first entry in all; **chiffonnier** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**chigger** first entry in all; **jigger** variant in all

**chili** (pod of certain peppers) first entry in all; **chile** variant in all; **chilli** variant in all

**chili con carne** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**chile con carne** first entry in AH; variant in NW, RH

**chimera** first entry in all; **chimaera** variant in all

**chintz** first entry in all; **chints** variant in AH, SC

**chintzy** (stingy, cheap, gaudy) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**chinchy** first entry in RH

**chipmunk** first entry in all; **chipmuck** variant in SC

**chippy** (woman of easy morals) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **chippie** variant in NW, RH

**chiseled, -ling** first entry in all
**chiselled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**chiseler** first entry in all
**chiseller** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**chitterlings** first entry in all; **chitlings** variant in all; **chitlins** variant in all

**chloride** first entry in all; **chlorid** variant in SC

**chlorine** first entry in all; **chlorin** variant in SC

**chlorophyll** first entry in all; **chlorophyl** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**chock-full** first entry in all; **chuck-full** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **choke-full** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**chocolaty** first entry in NC, RH, SC; **chocolatey** variant in NC

**choky** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **chokey** variant in NW, RH, SC

**choosy** first entry in all; **choosey** variant in all

**chop suey** first entry in all; **chop sooy** variant in RH

**chorale** first entry in all; **choral** variant in all

**choreography** first entry in all
**choregraphy** unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH; rare in NW

**chorused, -sing** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **chorussed, -ssing** variant in AH, SC

**christy** (skiing: high-speed turn, Christiania) first entry in AH, SC (capitalized in SC); variant in NC, NW
**christie** first entry in NC, NW
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in RH, since each word is entered in alphabetical position, defined "Christiania," and capitalized)

**chuck-a-luck** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **chuck-luck** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**chukker** first entry in all; **chukkar** variant in all; **chukka** variant in NC

**chute** first entry in all; **shute** variant in NC

**chutney** first entry in all; **chutnee** variant in AH, NW, SC

**chutzpah** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC
**chutzpa** first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW; **hutzpah** variant in NC, NW, SC; **hutzpa** variant in NC

**cider** first entry in all; **cyder** British in AH, NC, NW, RH

**cigarette** first entry in all
**cigaret** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

**cipher** first entry in all
**cypher** unqualified in AH, SC; British in NC, NW, RH

**circumventer** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **circumventor** variant in AH, RH, SC

**ciscoes** first entry in all; **ciscos** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**citable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **citeable** variant in NW, RH, SC

**cithara** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**kithara** first entry in RH; variant in SC

**citified** first entry in all; **cityfied** variant in NW, SC

**citrus** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **citrous** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**cityward** first entry in RH, SC; **citywards** variant in RH

**civilize** first entry in all; **civilise** British in NC, RH, SC

**civvies** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**civies** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**clamor** first entry in all; **clamour** British in all

**clangor** first entry in all; **clangour** British in all

**clarinet** first entry in all
**clarionet** unqualified in RH; rare in AH, SC; archaic in NW

**clarinetist** first entry in all; **clarinettist** variant in all

**clerestory** first entry in all; **clearstory** variant in all; **clerestorey** variant in SC

**cliquey** first entry in all; **cliquy** variant in all

**cloistral** first entry in all; **claustral** variant in all

**closable** first entry in NC, RH; **closeable** variant in NC, RH

**cloture** first entry in all; **closure** variant in all

**clubbable** first entry in all; **clubable** variant in all

**clue** (a hint) first entry in all
**clew** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**cluing** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**clueing** first entry in AH, NC

**clump** (to walk heavily) first entry in all; **clomp** variant in NW, RH

**coastguardsman** first entry in all; **coastguardman** variant in NC, NW

**coastward** (adv) first entry in all; **coastwards** variant in all

**coatimundi** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**coatimondi** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW

**coaxial** (adj: having a common axis) first entry in all; **coaxal** variant in NW, RH, SC

**cocaine** first entry in all; **cocain** variant in AH, NW, SC

**cocoa butter** first entry in all; **cacao butter** variant in all

**coconut** first entry in all; **cocoanut** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**codeine** first entry in all; **codeia** variant in NW, RH, SC; **codein** variant in NW, SC; **codeina** variant in RH

**cola** (drink made from kola nut) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **kola** variant in NC, RH

**colander** first entry in all; **cullender** variant in all

**coliseum** (any large structure for public entertainment) first entry in all; **colosseum** variant in all

**collapsible** first entry in all; **collapsable** variant in AH, RH, SC

**collectible** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
**collectable** first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH

**collodion** first entry in all; **collodium** variant in AH, SC

**color** first entry in all; **colour** British in all

**coloratura** first entry in all; **colorature** variant in SC

**combated, -ting** first entry in all
**combatted, -tting** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**comeuppance** first entry in all; **comeupance** variant in AH, SC

**Comintern** first entry in all; **Komintern** variant in RH, SC

**commandery** first entry in all; **commandry** variant in SC

**commandos** first entry in all; **commandoes** variant in all

**commie** first entry in all; **commy** variant in NW, RH

**compacter** first entry in AH; variant in NC
**compactor** first entry in NC

**complin** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
**compline** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**comprise** first entry in all; **comprize** variant in RH

**concessionaire** first entry in all; **concessioner** variant in all

**conchy** (conscientious objector) first entry in NW, SC; **conchie** variant in NW

**concocter** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **concoctor** variant in AH, SC

**condemner** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **condemnor** variant in NC

**condensable** first entry in all; **condensible** variant in all

**condom** first entry in all; **cundum** variant in AH, SC

**confectionery** (a place where confections are made) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH
**confectionary** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in SC. Each word is entered in alphabetical position, **confectionery** defined "confectioner's shop" and **confectionary** defined "place where confections are prepared")

**conferee** first entry in all; **conferree** variant in AH, RH, SC

**confessor** first entry in all; **confesser** variant in AH, RH, SC

**confinable** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **confineable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**conjurer** first entry in all; **conjuror** variant in all

**connectible** first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC
**connectable** first entry in NC; variant in AH, RH

**connection** first entry in all; **connexion** British in all

**connector** first entry in all; **connecter** variant in all

**connivance** first entry in all; **connivence** variant in AH, RH, SC

**consecrator** first entry in all; **consecrater** variant in RH

**consignor** first entry in all; **consigner** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**constituter** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **constitutor** variant in AH, RH, SC

**constructor** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**constructer** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

**consuls general** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **consul generals** variant in NW

**consulter** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
**consultor** unqualified in SC (NC and NW have separate entries specifying this spelling for an adviser to a R.C. bishop)

**contemner** first entry in all; **contemnor** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**contradicter** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
**contradictor** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**converter** first entry in all; **convertor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC for all meanings, and in NC for all except "the furnace used in the Bessemer process"

**conveyer** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**conveyor** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC (All note that this is the usual spelling for the meaning "a mechanical apparatus for the transportation of packages, bulk materials")

**convictable** first entry in RH; **convictible** variant in RH

**cony** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**coney** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**cookie** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**cooky** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **cookey** variant in AH, SC

**coolie** first entry in all; **cooly** variant in AH, RH, SC

**coolly** (adv) first entry in all; **cooly** variant in NC

**copacetic** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in SC
**copesetic** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, RH; **copasetic** variant in AH, RH, SC; **copesettic** variant in AH, SC

**coquet** (verb) first entry in all; **coquette** variant in NC, NW, SC

**coquette** (noun) first entry in all; **coquet** variant in NC

**corbeling** (noun) first entry in all
**corbelling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**cornetist** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**cornettist** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**coroneted** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **coronetted** variant in NW, RH, SC

**corpuscle** first entry in all; **corpuscule** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**correctable** first entry in all; **correctible** variant in AH, RH, SC

**correlation** first entry in all
**corelation** unqualified in NW; British in AH, NC, RH; "sometimes" in SC

**corrupter** first entry in all; **corruptor** variant in all

**corselet** (type of undergarment) first entry in all; **corselette** variant in NC, NW, RH

**corvette** first entry in all; **corvet** variant in AH, RH, SC

**cotillion** first entry in all; **cotillon** variant in all

**councilor** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**councillor** first entry in NC, RH; unqualified in AH; British in NW, SC

**counseled, -ling** first entry in all
**counselled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**counselor** first entry in all
**counsellor** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**countrified** first entry in all; **countryfied** variant in all

**courtesan** first entry in all; **courtezan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**court-martialed, -ling** first entry in all
**court-martialled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**courts-martial** first entry in all; **court-martials** variant in NC, NW, RH

**coxcomb** (fop, dandy) first entry in all; **cockscomb** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**coxswain** first entry in all; **cockswain** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**cozy** first entry in all; **cosy** variant in all; **cosey** variant in NW, SC; **cozey** variant in RH, SC; **cosie** variant in NW, SC; **cozie** variant in RH, SC

**crackerjack** first entry in all; **crackajack** variant in all

**crampon** first entry in all; **crampoon** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**crape** (black fabric, symbol of mourning) first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
**crepe** first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC, NW, SC; **crêpe** variant in all

**crapehanger** first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in SC
**crepehanger** first entry in SC; variant in RH

**crappie** (small sunfish) first entry in all; **croppie** variant in NW

**crayfish** first entry in all; **crawfish** variant in all

**crenelated** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**crenellated** first entry in NC; unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC

**crepe** (soft thin fabric) first entry in all; **crape** variant in all; **crêpe** variant in all

**crepe** (thin pancake) first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW
**crêpe** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH; **crape** variant in AH, NC

**crepuscule** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **crepuscle** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**crescendos** first entry in all; **crescendoes** variant in NC

**criticize** first entry in all; **criticise** British in NW, RH, SC

**critter** first entry in all; **crittur** variant in NW, RH

**crosier** first entry in all; **crozier** variant in all

**crueler, -lest** first entry in AH, NC, SC; **crueller, -llest** variant in AH, NC, SC

**cruller** first entry in all; **kruller** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**crummy** (cheap, inferior) first entry in all; **crumby** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**crunch** first entry in all
**craunch** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; "rare" in SC; **cranch** variant in NC

**crystallize** first entry in all; **crystalize** variant in AH, NC, SC

**cuckoo** (crazy, silly) first entry in all; **coocoo** variant in NW

**cudgeled, -ling** first entry in all
**cudgelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**cuing** (pres. part.) first entry in all; **cueing** variant in NC, NW

**cul-de-sacs** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
**culs-de-sac** first entry in NC, RH; French in NW, SC

**cumin** first entry in all; **cummin** variant in AH, NW, SC

**cummerbund** first entry in all; **kummerbund** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**cuneiform** first entry in all; **cuniform** variant in SC

**cupfuls** first entry in all; **cupsful** variant in NC

**curaçao** (the liqueur) first entry in all; **curaçoa** variant in all

**curare** first entry in all; **curari** variant in all; **urari** variant in AH, RH, SC; **curara** variant in SC; **urare** variant in SC

**curb** (edging of a street) first entry in all; **kerb** British in all

**curette** (noun, verb) first entry in NC, RH, SC, and for noun only in AH; variant in NW
**curet** first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH, and for noun only in AH

**curlicue** first entry in all; **curlycue** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**curry** (noun: East Indian dish, condiment; verb: to season with curry powder) first entry in all; **currie** variant for noun and verb in RH, and for noun only in AH, NC

**curtsy** first entry in all; **curtsey** variant in all

**curvaceous** first entry in all; **curvacious** variant in NC, RH

**curvy** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **curvey** variant in RH

**cut-and-dried** (adj) first entry in all; **cut-and-dry** variant in NC

**cutie** first entry in all; **cutey** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**cutlass** first entry in all; **cutlas** variant in all

**cyanide** first entry in all; **cyanid** variant in AH, RH, SC

**cyclopedia** first entry in all; **cyclopaedia** variant in all

**czar** first entry in all; **tsar** variant in all; **tzar** variant in all

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**dadoes** first entry in all; **dados** variant in RH

**dagos** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **dagoes** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**damnedest** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**damndest** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**dandruff** first entry in all; **dandriff** variant in RH

**daredevilry** first entry in all; **daredeviltry** variant in all

**darky** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **darkey** variant in AH, RH, SC; **darkie** variant in AH, RH, SC

**darndest** first entry in SC; **darnedest** variant in SC

**dashiki** first entry in NC; **daishiki** variant in NC

**datable** first entry in all; **dateable** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**deary** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **dearie** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**debonair** first entry in all; **debonaire** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **debonnaire** variant in AH, RH, SC

**Decalogue** first entry in all; **Decalog** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**defense** first entry in all;
**defence** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**deferrable** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **deferable** variant in RH

**deflection** first entry in all; **deflexion** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**defuse** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
**defuze** first entry in RH

**delft** (a kind of earthenware) first entry in all; **delf** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**demagogue** first entry in all; **demagog** variant in all

**demarcation** first entry in all; **demarkation** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**demeanor** first entry in all; **demeanour** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**dentin** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**dentine** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**dependence** first entry in all; **dependance** variant in all

**dependency** first entry in all; **dependancy** variant in AH, RH, SC

**dependent** (noun) first entry in all; **dependant** variant in all

**derringer** first entry in all; **deringer** variant in AH, RH, SC

**descendant** (noun) first entry in all; **descendent** variant in NC

**descendent** (adj) first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**descendant** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**descendible** first entry in all; **descendable** variant in AH, RH, SC

**desecrater** first entry in all; **desecrator** variant in all

**desistance** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **desistence** variant in RH, SC

**desolater** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**desolator** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**desperadoes** first entry in all; **desperados** variant in all

**detectable** first entry in all; **detectible** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**develop** first entry in all; **develope** variant in AH, RH

**development** first entry in all; **developement** variant in RH

**deviled, -ling** first entry in all
**devilled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**deviltry** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC
**devilry** first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, RH; British in SC
(NW excluded, since distinctions are made in the definitions. The entry for **deviltry** is "1. reckless mischief, fun, etc. 2. Same as **devilry**." The entry for **devilry** (labeled British) is "1. black magic, witchcraft 2. evil or diabolical behavior, great wickedness or cruelty 3. Same as **deviltry**")

**dexterous** first entry in all; **dextrous** variant in all

**dhoti** first entry in all; **dhooti** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **dhootie** variant in NC, RH; **dhuti** variant in RH

**diagnosable** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **diagnoseable** variant in NC

**diagramed, -ming** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**diagrammed, -mming** first entry in AH; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**dialed, -ling** first entry in all
**dialled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**dialogue** first entry in all; **dialog** variant in all

**diarrhea** first entry in all; **diarrhoea** variant in all

**dickey** first entry in all; **dicky** variant in all; **dickie** variant in AH, NC

**didos** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**didoes** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**dieresis** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**diaeresis** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**dietitian** first entry in all; **dietician** variant in all

**diffuser** first entry in all; **diffusor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**dike** first entry in all
**dyke** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**dilator** first entry in all; **dilater** variant in AH, RH, SC

**dilettantish** first entry in all; **dilettanteish** variant in RH, SC

**dilettantism** first entry in all; **dilettanteism** variant in NW, RH, SC

**diluter** first entry in AH, NC, NW; **dilutor** variant in NC, NW

**diminuendos** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **diminuendoes** variant in AH

**dinghy** first entry in all; **dingey** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **dingy** variant in AH, RH, SC; **dinky** variant in RH

**dinkey** (small locomotive) first entry in all; **dinky** variant in all

**discernible** first entry in all; **discernable** variant in NC, RH

**disc jockey** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**disk jockey** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW

**discussible** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**discussable** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH

**dishabille** first entry in all; **deshabille** variant in all

**disheveled, -ling** first entry in all
**dishevelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**disk** first entry in all
**disc** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**dislikable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **dislikeable** variant in NC, NW, RH

**dislodgment** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**dislodgement** unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH

**dispatch** first entry in all; **despatch** variant in all

**disrupter** first entry in all; **disruptor** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**disseize** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**disseise** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**dissension** first entry in all; **dissention** variant in NC

**dissipater** first entry in all; **dissipator** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**distention** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**distension** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**distill** first entry in all
**distil** unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC

**distrainor** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**distrainer** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**distributor** first entry in all; **distributer** variant in AH, RH, SC

**disyllable** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**dissyllable** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**divestiture** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **divesture** variant in NW, SC

**doctoral** first entry in all; **doctorial** variant in RH

**dodoes** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**dodos** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

**doggerel** first entry in all; **doggrel** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**doggoned** (adj) first entry in NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**doggone** first entry in NW, RH; variant in NC

**doggy** first entry in all; **doggie** variant in all

**dogie** first entry in all; **dogy** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **dogey** variant in RH

**doily** first entry in all; **doyley** variant in all; **doyly** variant in AH, NW, SC

**dolor** first entry in all; **dolour** British in all

**domicile** first entry in all; **domicil** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**dominoes** (1. cloaks, masks; 2. pieces of equipment used in the game of dominoes) first entry in all; **dominos** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, SC, and for 1 only in RH

**doomsday** first entry in all; **domesday** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**dopey** first entry in all; **dopy** variant in all

**dormie** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**dormy** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**dos-à-dos** (figure in square dancing) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**do-si-do** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH

**dote** first entry in all; **doat** variant in AH

**dottle** first entry in all; **dottel** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**doughfeet** (infantrymen) first entry in NC; **doughfoots** variant in NC

**doughnut** first entry in all
**donut** unqualified in AH, NC, RH; informal in NW

**douse** (to immerse, soak) first entry in all; **dowse** variant in all

**dovecote** first entry in all; **dovecot** variant in all

**doweled, -ling** first entry in all
**dowelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**downstairs** (adj) first entry in all; **downstair** variant in AH, RH, SC

**downward** (adv) first entry in all; **downwards** variant in all

**dowry** (money, goods, estate of a bride) first entry in all; **dower** variant in all; **dowery** unqualified in NW, SC; "rare" in RH

**dowse** (to search for underground water with a divining rod) first entry in all; **douse** variant in AH, NW, SC

**draft** first entry in all; **draught** British in all

**draftsman** first entry in all
**draughtsman** unqualified in RH, SC; British in NC, NW

**drafty** first entry in all
**draughty** unqualified in RH, SC; British in NW

**drapable** first entry in NC, RH; **drapeable** variant in NC, RH

**dreadnought** first entry in all; **dreadnaught** variant in NW, RH, SC

**driblet** first entry in all; **dribblet** variant in RH, SC

**drier** (something that dries, e.g., substance added to paint, varnish) first entry in all; **dryer** variant in all

**drier, -est** (adj) first entry in all
**dryer, -est** unqualified in AH; "occasionally" in SC

**drivable** first entry in NC, RH; **driveable** variant in NC, RH

**driveled, -ling** first entry in all
**drivelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**droshky** first entry in all; **drosky** variant in all

**drought** first entry in all; **drouth** variant in all

**dryer** (apparatus for drying, e.g., hair dryer, clothes dryer) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**drier** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**dryly** first entry in all; **drily** variant in all

**ducky** (adj) first entry in all; **duckie** variant in RH

**dueled, -ling** first entry in all
**duelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**duffel** first entry in all; **duffle** variant in all

**dullness** first entry in all; **dulness** variant in all

**dumfound** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**dumbfound** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**dwarfs** first entry in AH, NC, NW; **dwarves** variant in AH, NC, NW

**dybbuk** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **dibbuk** variant in NW, RH, SC

**dyeable** first entry in NC; variant in RH
**dyable** first entry in RH

## E

**earthward** (adv) first entry in all; **earthwards** variant in all

**eastward** (adv) first entry in all; **eastwards** variant in all

**ebony** first entry in all
**ebon** unqualified for adj only in NC, RH; poetic for adj, noun in AH, NW, SC

**ecumenical** first entry in all; **oecumenical** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**edema** first entry in all
**oedema** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

**eerie** first entry in all; **eery** variant in all

**egad** first entry in all; **egads** variant in NC

**egg foo yong** first entry in NW; **egg foo young** variant in NW

**eldritch** first entry in all; **eldrich** variant in RH

**elfish** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **elvish** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC: **elfish** is an undefined form listed at the end of the **elf** entry; **elvish** has a separate entry defined "1. of or relating to elves 2. mischievous")

**embalm** first entry in all
**imbalm** unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH

**embark** first entry in all
**imbark** unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH

**embarkation** first entry in all; **embarcation** variant in NW, SC

**embed** first entry in all; **imbed** variant in all

**embitter** first entry in all; **imbitter** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**emblaze** first entry in all; **imblaze** variant in SC

**embody** first entry in all; **imbody** variant in NW, RH, SC

**embolden** first entry in all; **imbolden** variant in RH, SC

**embosom** first entry in all; **imbosom** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**embower** first entry in all; **imbower** variant in NW, RH, SC

**embrown** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **imbrown** variant in NC, NW, SC

**emir** first entry in all; **emeer** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**Emmys** (statuettes awarded for television excellence) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **Emmies** variant in AH, SC

**employee** first entry in all; **employe** variant in all; **employé** variant in AH, RH, SC

**empower** first entry in all
**impower** unqualified in SC; obsolete in NW, RH

**emprise** first entry in all; **emprize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**emu** first entry in all; **emeu** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**enameled, -ling** first entry in all
**enamelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**enamored** first entry in all; **enamoured** British in all

**encage** first entry in all; **incage** variant in AH, SC

**encapsulate** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
**incapsulate** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW

**encase** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**incase** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**enclasp** first entry in all; **inclasp** variant in AH, SC

**enclose** first entry in all; **inclose** variant in all

**enclosure** first entry in all; **inclosure** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**encumber** first entry in all; **incumber** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**encumbrance** first entry in all; **incumbrance** variant in NW, RH, SC

**encyclopedia** first entry in all; **encyclopaedia** variant in all

**endeavor** first entry in all; **endeavour** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**endorse** first entry in all; **indorse** variant in all

**endorsement** first entry in all; **indorsement** variant in RH, SC

**endorser** first entry in all; **endorsor** variant in AH, RH, SC

**endow (ment)** first entry in all; **indow (ment)** variant in SC

**endue** first entry in all; **indue** variant in all

**enfold** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**infold** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**engraft** first entry in all; **ingraft** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**engulf** first entry in all; **ingulf** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**enjambment** first entry in all; **enjambement** variant in all

**enlace** first entry in all; **inlace** variant in AH, NW, SC

**enmesh** first entry in all
**immesh** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; archaic in NW; **inmesh** variant in NW, RH, SC

**enplane** first entry in all; **emplane** variant in AH, NC, NW

**enroll** first entry in all
**enrol** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**enrollment** first entry in all; **enrolment** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ensheathe** first entry in NC, NW, RH
**insheathe** first entry in SC; variant in NC, RH; **ensheath** variant in RH; **insheath** variant in RH

**enshrine** first entry in all; **inshrine** variant in AH, RH, SC

**ensnare** first entry in all; **insnare** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ensoul** first entry in all; **insoul** variant in all

**ensphere** first entry in all; **insphere** variant in all

**ensure** (to make sure or certain) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**insure** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**enswathe** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **inswathe** variant in RH, SC

**enthrall** first entry in all; **enthral** variant in all; **inthrall** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **inthral** variant in NW, RH, SC

**enthrone** first entry in all; **inthrone** variant in AH, RH, SC

**entitle** first entry in all; **intitle** variant in NW, RH, SC

**entomb** first entry in all; **intomb** variant in RH, SC

**entreat** first entry in all
**intreat** unqualified in AH, SC; archaic in NC, NW, RH

**entrench** first entry in all; **intrench** variant in all

**entrust** first entry in all; **intrust** variant in all

**entwine** first entry in all; **intwine** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**entwist** first entry in all; **intwist** variant in AH, RH, SC

**envoy** (closing lines of a poem, essay, etc.) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**envoi** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**enwind** first entry in all; **inwind** variant in AH, RH, SC

**enwrap** first entry in all; **inwrap** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**enwreathe** first entry in all; **inwreathe** variant in AH, RH, SC

**enzyme** first entry in all; **enzym** variant in SC

**eon** (an indefinitely long period of time; an age) first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**aeon** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
(The three dictionaries–AH, RH, SC–giving the specific meaning, "a division of geologic time comprising two or more eras," for this word agree in listing **eon** as first entry and **aeon** as variant for this definition)

**epaulet** first entry in all; **epaulette** variant in all

**ephedrine** first entry in all; **ephedrin** variant in SC

**epilogue** first entry in all; **epilog** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**epithalamium** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**epithalamion** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**equaled, -ling** first entry in all
**equalled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**equivoque** first entry in all; **equivoke** variant in all

**erector** first entry in all; **erecter** variant in AH, RH, SC

**eroticism** first entry in all
**erotism** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; "Psychoanal." in SC

**esker** first entry in all; **eskar** variant in NW, RH, SC; **escar** variant in AH; **eschar** variant in NC

**Eskimo** first entry in all; **Esquimau** variant in all

**esophagus** first entry in all
**oesophagus** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

**espresso** first entry in all; **expresso** variant in NW

**estivate** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**aestivate** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**estrogen** first entry in all; **oestrogen** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**et cetera** first entry in all; **et caetera** variant in AH, SC

**ether** (the upper regions; the heavens) first entry in all; **aether** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (In AH the latter spelling is offered as a variant for all meanings of **ether**)

**ethereal** first entry in all; **aethereal** variant in AH, NW, RH
(The three containing the spelling **aethereal** do not agree on its status. RH offers this form for all meanings except the chemical, "pertaining to . . . ethyl ether." AH indicates that its use is restricted to the chemical meaning. In NW the separate entry, defined "same as **ethereal**," suggests that the variant applies to all meanings)

**etiology** first entry in all; **aetiology** variant in all

**eucalyptus** first entry in all
**eucalypt** unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH

**Euclidean** first entry in all; **Euclidian** variant in all

**eurythmics** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**eurhythmics** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**evadable** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **evadible** variant in AH, SC

**eviler, -est** first entry in NC; **eviller, -llest** variant in NC

**exactor** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**exacter** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**excerpter** first entry in NC, RH; **excerptor** variant in NC, RH

**excludable** first entry in all; **excludible** variant in AH, NC, RH

**exhalant** first entry in all; **exhalent** variant in AH, NC, RH

**exhibitor** first entry in all; **exhibiter** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**exorcise** first entry in all; **exorcize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**exoticism** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **exotism** variant in NC

**expandable** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **expandible** variant in RH

**expediter** first entry in all; **expeditor** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**expellant** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **expellent** variant for adj and noun in NW, RH, SC, and for adj only in AH

**expresser** first entry in all; **expressor** variant in RH

**expressible** first entry in all; **expressable** variant in RH

**extendible** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**extendable** first entry in NC; variant in RH

**extern** first entry in all; **externe** variant in AH, NC, SC

**extol** first entry in all; **extoll** variant in all

**extractable** first entry in all; **extractible** variant in all

**extroversion** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**extraversion** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**extrovert** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**extravert** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**eyeing** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**eying** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

## F

**faceted** first entry in all
**facetted** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**fagot** first entry in all
**faggot** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**fagoting** first entry in all
**faggoting** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in RH; **fagotting** variant in NW

**fakir** first entry in all; **fakeer** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**falderal** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**folderol** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC; **falderol** variant in AH, RH, SC

**faltboat** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**foldboat** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**fantasy** first entry in all; **phantasy** variant in all

**farci** (cookery: "stuffed") first entry in NC, RH; **farcie** variant in NC

**fatsoes** first entry in NC; variant in RH
**fatsos** first entry in RH

**favor** first entry in all; **favour** British in all

**faze** first entry in all; **feaze** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **feeze** variant in AH, NW, SC; **fease** variant in AH, SC

**feces** first entry in all; **faeces** variant in all

**feldspar** first entry in all
**felspar** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**femininity** first entry in all; **feminity** variant in NC, RH

**ferule** first entry in all; **ferula** variant in all

**fervor** first entry in all; **fervour** British in all

**fetid** first entry in all; **foetid** variant in all

**fetish** first entry in all; **fetich** variant in all

**fetus** first entry in all; **foetus** variant in all

**fezzes** first entry in all; **fezes** variant in NC

**fiascoes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**fiascos** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**fiber** first entry in all
**fibre** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

**filigree** first entry in all; **fillagree** variant in AH, RH, SC; **filagree** variant in AH, RH, SC

**fillet** (noun: thin boneless slice of meat; verb: to cut fillets from) first entry in all; **filet** variant for the above noun and verb definitions in AH, NW, RH, SC, and for the noun definition only in NC

**filterable** first entry in all; **filtrable** variant in all

**finable** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **fineable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**finagle** first entry in all; **fenagle** variant in AH, NW

**fine-toothed comb** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in RH
**fine-tooth comb** first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW, SC

**finicky** first entry in all; **finical** variant in all; **finnicky** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **finicking** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **finikin** variant in AH, NW, SC; **finiking** variant in RH; **finickin** variant in RH; **finnicking** variant in SC

**fjord** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
**fiord** first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH

**flak** first entry in all; **flack** variant in NC, RH

**flamingos** first entry in all; **flamingoes** variant in all

**flanneled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH
**flannelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NW; British in RH

**flannelette** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**flannelet** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**flatfoots** (policemen) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC
**flatfeet** first entry in NC

**flavor** first entry in all; **flavour** British in all

**flection** (the act of bending; the state of being bent; a bend or bent part) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**flexion** first entry in NC; unqualified in NW; British in AH, RH, SC

**fledgling** first entry in all
**fledgeling** unqualified in AH, SC; British in NW, RH

**flense** first entry in all; **flench** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **flinch** variant in RH

**fleur-de-lis** (1. heraldic device; 2. the iris) first entry in all; **fleur-de-lys** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, SC, and for 1 only in RH

**flexion** (anatomy: the bending of a limb by means of the flexor muscles) first entry in all; **flection** variant in all

**flier** first entry in all; **flyer** variant in all

**floozy** first entry in all; **floozie** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **floosy** variant in NW, SC; **floosie** variant in NW

**floriated** first entry in all; **floreated** variant in AH, RH, SC

**flotage** first entry in all; **floatage** variant in all

**flotation** first entry in all
**floatation** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**flügelhorn** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**fluegelhorn** first entry in NW; variant in NC

**fluky** first entry in all; **flukey** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**flunky** first entry in all; **flunkey** variant in all

**fluoride** first entry in all; **fluorid** variant in SC

**fluorine** first entry in all; **fluorin** variant in SC

**flustrate** first entry in RH, SC; **flusterate** variant in SC

**flustration** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **flusteration** variant in NW

**flutist** first entry in all; **flautist** variant in all

**focused, -sing** first entry in all
**focussed, -ssing** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**fogy** first entry in all; **fogey** variant in all; **fogie** variant in SC

**fondue** first entry in all; **fondu** variant in AH, NC, NW

**font** (full assortment of printing type) first entry in all; **fount** British in all

**fontanel** first entry in all; **fontanelle** variant in all

**forcemeat** first entry in all; **farcemeat** variant in RH

**forebear** (ancestor) first entry in all; **forbear** variant in all

**forebode** first entry in all; **forbode** variant in NC

**forecastle** first entry in all; **fo'c's'le** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **fo'c'sle** variant in NC, RH

**forejudge** (to judge in advance) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **forjudge** variant in AH (RH does not give this meaning)

**forejudge** (to expel, oust, or put out by judgment of a court) first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

**forjudge** first entry in RH, SC; variant in NC, NW (AH does not give this meaning)

**forfend** first entry in all; **forefend** variant in all

**forgather** first entry in all; **foregather** variant in all

**forgo** first entry in all; **forego** variant in all

**forkfuls** first entry in AH, NW; **forksful** variant in AH

**formaldehyde** first entry in all; **formaldehyd** variant in SC

**forswear** first entry in all; **foreswear** variant in AH, NC

**forward** (adv) first entry in all; **forwards** variant in all

**four-wheel** (adj) first entry in all; **four-wheeled** variant in NC, RH for all meanings, and in NW for single meaning "having or running on four wheels"

**framable** first entry in NC, RH; **frameable** variant in NC, RH

**franchisor** first entry in NC; **franchiser** variant in NC

**Francophile** first entry in all; **Francophil** variant in all

**frangipani** (a tropical shrub; a kind of perfume) first entry in all; **frangipane** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **frangipanni** variant in NC

**frangipani** (an almond-flavored pastry or custard) first entry in AH, NW, SC
**frangipane** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**frankfurter** first entry in all; **frankforter** variant in all; **frankfurt** variant in all; **frankfort** variant in all

**frantically** first entry in all
**franticly** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; rare in NW

**freebie** first entry in NC, NW; **freebee** variant in NC; **freeby** variant in NW

**frenetic** first entry in all
**phrenetic** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "earlier spelling" in NW

**frenzy** first entry in all
**phrensy** unqualified in AH, NC, RH; rare in SC; "earlier spelling" in NW

**frescoes** first entry in all; **frescos** variant in all

**fridge** (clipped form of **refrigerator**) first entry in all; **frig** variant in NC

**frijol** first entry in all; **frijole** variant in all

**frivoled, -ling** first entry in all
**frivolled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**frizz** (verb: to form into tight curls; noun: hair that is frizzed) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**friz** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**froe** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant ("chiefly U.S.") in RH
**frow** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**frontward** (adv) first entry in AH, RH; **frontwards** variant in AH, RH

**frowzy** first entry in all; **frowsy** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **frouzy** variant in AH, RH, SC

**fryer** first entry in all; **frier** variant in all

**fueled, -ling** first entry in all
**fuelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**Führer** first entry in all; **Fuehrer** variant in all
(Both spellings capitalized in NW, RH, SC; lower case in NC; capitalized in AH only when reference is to Hitler's title. In SC the entry is **Fuhrer** without the umlaut, an apparent typo, since the cross reference after **Fuehrer** is to **Führer**)

**fulfill** first entry in all
**fulfil** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**fulfillment** first entry in all; **fulfilment** variant in NW, RH, SC

**fullness** first entry in all; **fulness** variant in all

**funneled, -ling** first entry in all
**funnelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**furor** first entry in all
**furore** unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH
(In SC the "also **furore**" at the end of the entry for **furor** suggests that the variant applies to all meanings. The other dictionaries indicate that the variant is not used for the meaning "rage, frenzy")

**fuse** (a tube or cord of combustible material for igniting an explosive) first entry in all; **fuze** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**fusee** first entry in all; **fuzee** variant in all

**fusilier** first entry in all; **fusileer** variant in all

**fuze** (a mechanical or electrical device to detonate an explosive charge) first entry in all; **fuse** variant in all

## G

**gabardine** (twilled fabric) first entry in all
**gaberdine** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

**gaberdine** (loose coat or cloak) first entry in all; **gabardine** variant in all

**gaiety** first entry in all; **gayety** variant in all

**gaily** first entry in all; **gayly** variant in all

**gallivant** first entry in all; **galavant** variant in all; **galivant** variant in SC

**galoot** first entry in all; **galloot** variant in AH, RH, SC

**galosh** first entry in all; **galoshe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
**golosh** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NW; **goloshe** British in NW

**gambados** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**gambadoes** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**gamboled, -ling** first entry in all
**gambolled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**gamy** first entry in all; **gamey** variant in NC

**ganef** first entry in all; **ganof** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **gonoph** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **gonif** variant in AH, NW, RH; **gonof** variant in NW, SC; **ganev** variant in RH; **gonef** variant in NW; **goniff** variant in NW

**gantlet** (railroads: a form of track construction) first entry in all; **gauntlet** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**gantry** first entry in all; **gauntry** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**garrote** first entry in all; **garotte** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **garrotte** variant in AH, NW, SC; **garote** variant in SC

**gases** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **gasses** variant in AH, NC, SC

**gasoline** first entry in all; **gasolene** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**gastropod** first entry in all
**gasteropod** unqualified in RH, SC; rare in AH

**gauge** first entry in all
**gage** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; technical sense in NW, RH

**gauntlet** (armored glove; challenge to combat) first entry in all; **gantlet** variant in all

**gauntlet** (a form of punishment; ordeal) first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
**gantlet** first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH

**gaveled, -ling** first entry in NC; **gavelled, -lling** variant in NC

**gavotte** first entry in all; **gavot** variant in NW, RH, SC

**gazabo** (man, fellow) first entry in AH, NW, SC (with plural -os or -oes); **gazebo** variant in NW, SC

**gazebos** first entry in all; **gazeboes** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**geckos** first entry in all; **geckoes** variant in all

**gefilte fish** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**gefüllte fish** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH; **gefillte fish** variant in RH, SC; **gefulte fish** variant in RH

**gelatin** first entry in all; **gelatine** variant in all

**gemology** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **gemmology** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**gemütlich** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **gemuetlich** variant in RH

**gendarmerie** first entry in all; **gendarmery** variant in all

**genet** first entry in all; **genette** variant in NW, RH, SC

**gentlefolk** first entry in all; **gentlefolks** variant in all

**genuflection** first entry in all; **genuflexion** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**gerbil** first entry in all; **gerbille** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**getable** first entry in AH; variant in NW
**gettable** first entry in NW; variant in AH

**gewgaw** first entry in all; **geegaw** variant in NC, RH

**ghat** first entry in all; **ghaut** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ghettos** first entry in all; **ghettoes** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **ghetti** variant in SC

**gibbous** first entry in all; **gibbose** variant in RH, SC

**gibe** first entry in all; **jibe** variant in all

**gilt-edged** first entry in all; **gilt-edge** variant in all

**gimmickry** first entry in all; **gimmickery** variant in NW

**ginkgo** first entry in all; **gingko** variant in all; **jingko** variant in SC

**ginseng** first entry in all; **genseng** variant in RH

**girlie** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **girly** variant in NC, NW

**gismo** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**gizmo** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**gladiolus** (botanical meaning only) first entry in all; **gladiola** variant in all

**glamorize** first entry in all; **glamourize** variant in AH, NC, RH

**glamorous** first entry in all; **glamourous** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**glamour** first entry in all
**glamor** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

**gluing** first entry in all; **glueing** variant in NC

**glycerin** first entry in all; **glycerine** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**gobbledygook** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**gobbledegook** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**goddamned** (adj, adv) first entry in all; **goddam** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **goddamn** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**goiter** first entry in all; **goitre** variant in all

**golliwog** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**golliwogg** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**good-by** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**good-bye** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
**goodbye** first entry in NW; variant in RH; **goodby** variant in NW, RH

**goosey** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC
**goosy** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW

**gospeler** first entry in all
**gospeller** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**gossiped, -ping** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **gossipped, -pping** variant in SC

**gourmand** first entry in all; **gormand** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**governors-general** first entry in all; **governor-generals** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**gram** first entry in all
**gramme** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**grandam** first entry in all; **grandame** variant in all

**granddad** first entry in all; **grandad** variant in NC

**granddaddy** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **grandaddy** variant in NC

**grandfather clock** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**grandfather's clock** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**granny** first entry in all; **grannie** variant in all

**granny knot** first entry in all; **granny's knot** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**granter** first entry in all
**grantor** unqualified in NC; legal sense in AH, NW, RH, SC

**granulator** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**granulater** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW

**graveled, -ling** first entry in all
**gravelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**gray** first entry in all
**grey** unqualified in AH, NC, RH; British in NW, SC

**grazeable** first entry in NC; **grazable** variant in NC

**greenskeeper** first entry in RH; **greenkeeper** variant in RH

**greyhound** first entry in all
**grayhound** unqualified in NW, RH; rare in AH, SC

**griffin** first entry in all; **griffon** variant in all; **gryphon** variant in all

**grille** first entry in all; **grill** variant in all

**grippe** first entry in all; **grip** variant in AH, NW, SC

**grommet** first entry in all; **grummet** variant in all

**grotesquery** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**grotesquerie** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**grottoes** first entry in all; **grottos** variant in all

**groveled, -ling** first entry in all
**grovelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**groveler** first entry in all
**groveller** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**grueling** first entry in all
**gruelling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**gruesome** first entry in all; **grewsome** variant in all

**guacamole** first entry in AH, NC, NW; **guachamole** variant in AH

**guarantee** (verb) first entry in all; **guaranty** variant in all

**guaranty** (noun: something given or taken as security) first entry in all; **guarantee** variant in all (AH, since it uses "a guaranty" as one definition for the noun entry of **guarantee**, suggests that the secondary spelling is acceptable for all noun uses of **guaranty**)

**guerrilla** first entry in all; **guerilla** variant in all

**guild** first entry in all; **gild** variant in all

**gullible** first entry in all
**gullable** unqualified in NC, RH; rare in NW

**gully** (noun, verb) first entry in all; **gulley** variant for noun only in RH

**gumbo** first entry in all
**gombo** variant in AH for all meanings, and in SC for only "a patois of French . . . spoken in Louisiana"

**gunwale** first entry in all; **gunnel** variant in all

**gyp** first entry in all; **gip** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**gypsy** first entry in all; **gipsy** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**gyrfalcon** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**gerfalcon** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

## H

**ha** first entry in all; **hah** variant in all

**hairbreadth** (noun) first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
**hairsbreadth** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
**hair's-breadth** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**halberd** first entry in all; **halbert** variant in all

**halibut** first entry in all; **holibut** variant in RH, SC

**hallelujah** first entry in all; **halleluiah** variant in NW, RH, SC

**halloo** (interj: an exclamation or shout to attract attention; verb: to cry out, to shout or hail) first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**hallo** first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC
**hollo** first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
**halloa** variant in all; **holloa** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **hallow** variant in NW, RH, SC; **holla** variant in NC, NW, SC; **hullo** variant in NW, RH, SC; **hilloa** unqualified in RH, SC, archaic in NW; **hillo** unqualified in SC, archaic in NW; **holloo** variant in RH

**Halloween** first entry in all; **Hallowe'en** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**halos** first entry in all; **haloes** variant in all

**halvah** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **halva** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **halavah** variant in AH

**halyard** first entry in all; **halliard** variant in all; **haulyard** variant in SC

**hamburger** first entry in all; **hamburg** variant in all

**handbreadth** first entry in all; **hand's-breadth** variant in AH, NW, RH; **hand's breadth** variant in AH, SC; **handsbreadth** variant in NC

**handfuls** first entry in all; **handsful** variant in NC

**handicraft** first entry in all
**handcraft** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

**handkerchiefs** first entry in NC, NW; **handkerchieves** variant in NC

**handsel** first entry in all; **hansel** variant in all

**hankie** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
**hanky** first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW

**hanky-panky** first entry in all; **hankey-pankey** variant in RH

**hara-kiri** first entry in all; **hari-kari** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **hara-kari** variant in SC

**harbor** first entry in all; **harbour** British in all

**harebrained** first entry in all; **hairbrained** variant in RH

**harem** first entry in all; **hareem** variant in AH, NW, SC

**harquebus** first entry in all; **arquebus** variant in all; **harquebuss** variant in RH, SC; **harquebuse** variant in RH, SC

**hartebeest** first entry in all; **hartbeest** variant in AH, SC

**hasenpfeffer** first entry in all; **hassenpfeffer** variant in RH

**hashish** first entry in all; **hasheesh** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**hassle** first entry in all; **hassel** variant in SC

**hateable** first entry in NW, RH; variant in SC
**hatable** first entry in SC; variant in NW, RH

**hearken** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**harken** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

**heavenward** (adv) first entry in all; **heavenwards** variant in all

**hectare** first entry in all; **hektare** variant in RH, SC

**hegira** first entry in all; **hejira** variant in all

**hello** first entry in all
**hullo** unqualified in AH, NW; British in NC, RH

**hemo-, hema-**(e.g., **hemoglobin, hematology**) first entry in all; **haemo-, haema-** (e.g., **haemoglobin, haematology**) variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
(Of the five, only AH does not offer the **haemo- haema-** combining form as a variant. All the others have at least an entry for the variant prefix, and for some of the more commonly used words separate entries for the **haem-** spellings. Slight inconsistencies can be found: SC, for example, attaches the British label to "haemorrhage.")

**hereabout** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**hereabouts** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**heroes** (plural of the clipped form of "hero sandwich") first entry in all; **heros** variant in RH

**hesitater** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **hesitator** variant in NW, RH

**hetaera** first entry in all; **hetaira** variant in all

**heyday** first entry in all; **heydey** variant in RH

**hiccup** first entry in all; **hiccough** variant in all

**hiccuped, -ping** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
**hiccupped, -pping** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**hieing** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**hying** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**highfalutin** first entry in all; **highfaluting** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **hifalutin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **highfalutin'** variant in RH; **hifalutin'** variant in RH

**high-muck-a-muck** first entry in NC, RH, SC
**high muckamuck** first entry in AH; variant in NW
**high muck-a-muck** first entry in NW; **high-muckety-muck** variant in NC

**hijack** first entry in all; **highjack** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **high-jack** variant in NC

**Hindu** first entry in all
**Hindoo** unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; archaic in AH

**hip** (adj: aware, knowledgeable) first entry in all
**hep** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "earlier form of" in NW

**hippie** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **hippy** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**hippogriff** first entry in all; **hippogryph** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**hirable** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **hireable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**histamine** first entry in all; **histamin** variant in RH

**hitherward** first entry in all; **hitherwards** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**hoboes** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**hobos** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

**hocus-pocused, -sing** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**hocus-pocussed, -ssing** first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**hogtying** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **hogtieing** variant in AH, NW, SC

**hoity-toity** first entry in all
**highty-tighty** unqualified in AH, NW; restricted to interj and adj in SC

**hokeypokey** first entry in NC, NW, SC
**hokey-pokey** first entry in RH; **hokypoky** variant in NW, SC

**hollowware** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**holloware** first entry in NW; variant in NC

**homeopathy** first entry in all; **homoeopathy** variant in RH, SC

**homeward** (adv) first entry in all; **homewards** variant in all

**homey** first entry in all; **homy** variant in all

**honeyed** first entry in all; **honied** variant in all

**honky** (derogatory term for a white man) first entry in AH; variant in NC
**honkie** first entry in NC; variant in AH; **honkey** variant in NC

**honor** first entry in all; **honour** British in all

**hooch** (illicitly distilled liquor) first entry in all; **hootch** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
(NC offers the variant for **hooch**, " a usu. thatched hut; broadly: dwelling," a meaning not found in the other four dictionaries)

**hoofs** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**hooves** first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, RH, SC; rare in NW

**hookah** first entry in all; **hooka** variant in NW, RH, SC

**hooky** (e.g., "to play hooky") first entry in all; **hookey** variant in NC, RH

**hoosegow** first entry in all; **hoosgow** variant in NW, RH, SC

**hootchy-kootchy** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **hootchie-kootchie** variant in AH, NW, RH; **hootchie-cootchie** variant in SC; **hootchy-kootch** variant in RH

**horehound** first entry in all; **hoarhound** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**hors d'oeuvres** (plural) first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in RH; "an English plural" in SC
**hors d'oeuvre** first entry in RH, SC; unqualified in AH, NC; French in NW

**horsy** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**horsey** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**hostler** first entry in all; **ostler** variant in all

**howdah** first entry in all; **houdah** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**hoyden** first entry in all; **hoiden** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**huarache** first entry in all; **huaracho** variant in AH, SC

**hubris** first entry in all; **hybris** variant in NC, RH, SC

**hullabaloo** first entry in all; **hullaballoo** variant in AH, SC

**humor** first entry in all; **humour** British in all

**hurrah** first entry in all; **hurray** variant in all; **hooray** variant in all; **hoorah** variant in RH

**hurry-scurry** first entry in all; **hurry-skurry** variant in all

**hyena** first entry in all; **hyaena** variant in all

**hygienist** first entry in all; **hygeist** variant in RH, SC; **hygieist** variant in RH, SC

**hypotenuse** first entry in all; **hypothenuse** variant in all

## I

**icon** first entry in all; **ikon** variant in all; **eikon** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ideology** first entry in all; **idealogy** variant in NC

**idyll** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC
**idyl** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**igloo** first entry in all; **iglu** variant in AH, RH

**ignitable** first entry in all; **ignitible** variant in all

**igniter** first entry in all
**ignitor** unqualified in AH, NC, NW; specialized electronics use in SC

**imbrue** first entry in all; **embrue** variant in all

**immovable** first entry in all; **immoveable** variant in RH

**impactor** first entry in NC; **impacter** variant in NC

**impale** first entry in all; **empale** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**impanel** first entry in all; **empanel** variant in all

**impaneled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**impanelled, -lling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**impeller** first entry in all; **impellor** variant in NC

**imperiled, -ling** first entry in all
**imperilled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**impostor** first entry in all; **imposter** variant in NC, RH

**impoverish** first entry in all
**empoverish** unqualified in SC; obsolete in RH

**improviser** first entry in all; **improvisor** variant in NC, NW

**includable** first entry in all; **includible** variant in all

**incondensable** first entry in all; **incondensible** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**incrust** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**encrust** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**indenter** first entry in AH, NC, RH; **indentor** variant in AH, RH

**indicter** first entry in all; **indictor** variant in all

**indigene** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**indigen** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**indigos** first entry in all; **indigoes** variant in all

**inexpressive** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
**unexpressive** first entry in AH; variant in NW, SC (NW and SC use **inexpressive** to define **unexpressive**. The variant status is unclear in RH; **unexpressive** is included in the list of undefined **un-** words)

**infector** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **infecter** variant in RH, SC

**inferable** first entry in all; **inferrible** variant in NC, RH; **inferible** variant in RH

**inflame** first entry in all; **enflame** variant in NC, RH

**inflater** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**inflator** first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**inflection** first entry in all; **inflexion** British in all

**inflicter** first entry in all; **inflictor** variant in all

**ingrain** (to impress firmly, to fix deeply) first entry in all; **engrain** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**initialed, -ling** first entry in all
**initialled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**innuendoes** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**innuendos** first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW

**inquire** first entry in all; **enquire** variant in all

**inquiry** first entry in all; **enquiry** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**insignia** (as singular) first entry in all; **insigne** variant in AH, NC, RH
(SC and AH have usage notes on **insignia** as a singular noun)

**install** first entry in all
**instal** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**installment** first entry in all
**instalment** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**instill** first entry in all
**instil** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

**instillment** first entry in all; **instilment** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**institutor** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**instituter** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

**insure** (to secure indemnity in case of loss; to issue or procure an insurance policy) first entry in all
**ensure** unqualified in RH, SC; obsolete in NW

**interceptor** first entry in all; **intercepter** variant in all

**intermitter** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **intermittor** variant in RH

**intern** (noun) first entry in all; **interne** variant in all

**interpolater** first entry in NW, RH, SC
**interpolator** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**interrupter** first entry in all; **interruptor** variant in AH, SC

**intervener** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**intervenor** first entry in NC; unqualified in RH; legal sense in NW

**intransigence** first entry in all; **intransigeance** variant in NC, RH

**intransigent** first entry in all
**intransigeant** unqualified in AH, NC, RH; French in SC

**intrigant** first entry in all; **intriguant** variant in AH, NC, RH

**inure** first entry in all; **enure** variant in all

**inventible** first entry in AH, RH, SC; **inventable** variant in RH

**inventor** first entry in all; **inventer** variant in AH, SC

**investable** first entry in NC, RH; **investible** variant in RH

**inward** (adv) first entry in all; **inwards** variant in all

**iodine** first entry in all; **iodin** variant in NC, RH, SC

**irreligious** first entry in all; **unreligious** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (These four use **irreligious** as one definition of **unreligious**. The variant status of **unreligious** is unclear in NC; **unreligious** is included in the list of undefined **un-** words in NC)

## J

**jack-in-the-box** first entry in all; **jack-in-a-box** variant in NW, RH, SC

**jack-in-the-boxes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **jacks-in-the-box** variant in AH, NC

**jack-in-the-pulpits** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **jacks-in-the-pulpit** variant in NC

**jail** first entry in all; **gaol** British in all

**jailer** first entry in all; **jailor** variant in all

**jalopy** first entry in all; **jaloppy** variant in AH, SC

**janissary** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW, SC
**janizary** first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, NC, RH; **janisary** variant in SC

**Japonism** first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
**Japanism** first entry in RH

**jasmine** first entry in all; **jessamine** variant in all; **jasmin** variant in NW

**jennet** first entry in all; **genet** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**jetsam** first entry in all; **jetsom** variant in RH

**jeweled, -ling** first entry in all
**jewelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**jeweler** first entry in all
**jeweller** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**jewelry** first entry in all; **jewellery** British in NW, RH, SC

**jew's-harp** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**Jew's harp** first entry in NC; **jews'-harp** variant in AH, NW, SC; **Jews' harp** variant in NC
(The "also, **jew's-harp**" at the end of the entry in RH must be a typo, since the spelling is exactly the same as that of the main entry)

**jibe** (to alter course of a ship by shifting sails) first entry in all; **gybe** variant in all; **jib** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **gibe** variant in RH, SC

**jiminy** first entry in RH; **jimminy** variant in RH

**jimmy** (noun: short crowbar; verb: to force open) first entry in all; **jemmy** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**jinni** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**jinn** first entry in NC, RH (The three dictionaries that have **jinni** as first entry give **jinn** as its plural. NW notes that **jinn** is "popularly regarded as a singular, with the plural **jinns**")
**genie** variant in all; **djinni** variant in all; **djinn** variant in NC, RH, called the plural form of **djinni** in AH and NW; **jinnee** variant in AH, SC; **djin** variant in NC, RH; **jin** variant in RH; **djinny** variant in AH

**jinrikisha** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**jinriksha** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW, RH; **jinricksha** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **jinrickshaw** variant in RH

**Johnny-come-latelies** first entry in AH, NC, RH; **Johnnies-come-lately** variant in NC, RH

**Johnny-come-lately** first entry in all; **Johnnie-come-lately** variant in RH

**jostle** first entry in all; **justle** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**joust** first entry in all; **just** variant in all

**jowl** (1. the lower jaw, the cheek; 2. the fleshy part under the jaw, dewlap) first entry in all; **jole** variant for 1 and 2 in SC, for 1 only in AH, and for 2 only in RH

**judgment** first entry in all
**judgement** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**jujitsu** first entry in all; **jujutsu** variant in all; **jiujitsu** variant in all; **jiujutsu** variant in all

**juncos** first entry in all; **juncoes** variant in NC

**junketer** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**junketeer** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
**junketter** first entry in RH

**junkie** (dope addict) first entry in all; **junky** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

## K

**kabob** first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW
**kebab** first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH; **kebob** variant in NC, RH; **cabob** variant in NW, RH; **kabab** variant in RH
(In AH and SC, the reader is referred to **shish kebab**, after which entry AH adds "also **shish kebob, shish kabob**," and SC adds "also called **cabob, kabob**")

**kaffeeklatsch** first entry in NC, NW, SC (written either solid or as two words in NW); variant in AH, RH (written as two words)
**coffee klatch** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
**coffee klatsch** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**Kaffir** first entry in all; **Kafir** variant in all

**kale** first entry in all; **kail** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**kaolin** first entry in all; **kaoline** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**kaput** first entry in all; **kaputt** variant in AH, NC

**karakul** (a broad-tailed sheep of Asia) first entry in all; **caracul** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**karat** (unit for measuring gold) first entry in all
**carat** unqualified in AH, NC, NW; "loosely, a karat" in SC

**kayak** first entry in all; **kaiak** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **kyak** variant in NW

**keelhaul** first entry in all; **keelhale** variant in RH, SC

**keelson** first entry in all; **kelson** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**kef** (preparation of hemp leaves for smoking) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**kif** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; **keef** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **kief** variant in NW, RH, SC; **kaif** variant in RH

**kegler** first entry in all; **kegeler** variant in RH

**keloid** first entry in all; **cheloid** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**kenneled, -ling** first entry in all
**kennelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**kerchiefs** first entry in NC; **kerchieves** variant in NC

**kermis** first entry in all; **kermess** variant in all; **kirmess** variant in all

**kerneled, -ling** first entry in NW, RH, SC
**kernelled, -lling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**kerosene** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**kerosine** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ketchup** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**catsup** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **catchup** variant in all

**kiddie car** first entry in RH; **kiddy car** variant in RH

**kiddos** first entry in RH; **kiddoes** variant in RH

**kiddy** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**kiddie** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**kidnaper** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**kidnapper** first entry in NC, NW; unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH

**kidnapped, -pping** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**kidnaped, -ping** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**kilter** first entry in all
**kelter** unqualified in NW; "Br. dial." in SC

**kindergartner** first entry in all; **kindergartener** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**kinfolk** first entry in NW, RH; informal in AH, SC
**kinsfolk** first entry in AH, SC; unqualified in RH; "earlier form of **kinfolk**" in NW; **kinfolks** unqualified in NW, RH; informal in AH, SC
(First entry/variant status is unclear in NC. Two separate entries, "**kinfolk** . . . or **kinfolks**" and "**kinsfolk**" are defined alike, both with the single word "relatives")

**king-size** (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **king-sized** variant in NC, NW, RH; **kingsized** variant in SC

**kinnikinnick** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in SC
**kinnikinic** first entry in SC; variant in NC, NW
**kinnikinick** first entry in NW; **kinnikinnic** variant in AH, RH, SC; **killikinick** variant in AH; **killikinnic** variant in SC; **killickinnic** variant in RH; **killikinic** variant in RH; **killickinnick** variant in RH

**kismet** first entry in all; **kismat** variant in RH

**kitchenette** first entry in all; **kitchenet** variant in NW, RH, SC

**Klaxon** first entry in all (lower case in RH, SC); **claxon** variant in NW, SC

**kleptomania** first entry in all; **cleptomania** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**klieg light** first entry in all; **kleig light** variant in NC, NW, RH

**knackwurst** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**knockwurst** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**knickknack** first entry in all; **nicknack** variant in all

**knowledgeable** first entry in all; **knowledgable** variant in RH

**koala** first entry in all; **coala** variant in RH

**Kodiak bear** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **Kadiak bear** variant in RH, SC
(NC has no entry for **Kodiak bear**, but in the geographical names section the variant is given for the place name)

**kola** (1. African tree; 2. nut or seed of the tree) first entry for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, RH, and for 2 only in NW; variant for 1 and 2 in SC, and for 1 only in NW
**cola** first entry for 1 and 2 in SC, and for 1 only in NW; variant for 1 and 2 in AH

**kolinsky** first entry in all; **kolinski** variant in NC

**kooky** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **kookie** variant in NC, NW, RH

**kopeck** first entry in all; **copeck** variant in all; **kopek** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**kosher** first entry in all; **kasher** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**kowtow** first entry in all; **kotow** variant in AH, RH, SC

**kraal** first entry in all; **craal** variant in AH, RH, SC

**krimmer** first entry in all; **crimmer** variant in NW, RH, SC

**kumiss** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**koumiss** first entry in NC; variant in AH, RH, SC; **koumis** variant in AH, RH; **koumyss** variant in RH; **koumys** variant in SC; **kumys** variant in SC

**kumquat** first entry in all; **cumquat** variant in all

**kvass** first entry in all; **quass** variant in NW, RH, SC; **kvas** variant in AH, NW, SC

## L

**labeled, -ling** first entry in all
**labelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**labor** first entry in all; **labour** British in all

**labyrinthine** first entry in all; **labyrinthian** variant in all

**lachrymal** (pertaining to tears) first entry in all; **lacrimal** variant in all

**lachrymose** first entry in all; **lacrimose** variant in SC

**lackey** first entry in all
**lacquey** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; obsolete in NW

**lackluster** first entry in all
**lacklustre** unqualified in SC; British in AH, NW, RH

**lacrimal** (pertaining to the glands that produce tears) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**lachrymal** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**lacy** first entry in all; **lacey** variant in NC

**la-di-da** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **la-de-da** variant in AH, NW, RH; **lah-di-dah** variant in NW; **lah-de-dah** variant in NW

**ladyfinger** first entry in all; **ladysfinger** variant in AH, SC

**lady's man** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**ladies' man** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**lagniappe** first entry in all; **lagnappe** variant in NW, RH, SC

**lagoon** first entry in all; **lagune** variant in AH, RH, SC; **laguna** variant in AH

**laissez faire** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**laissez-faire** first entry in NC; **laisser faire** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **laisser-faire** British in NC

**lambaste** first entry in all; **lambast** variant in NC, NW, RH

**lamster** (fugitive from the law) first entry in NC; **lamister** variant in NC

**landward** (adv) first entry in all; **landwards** variant in all

**lanolin** first entry in all; **lanoline** variant in NW, RH, SC

**lanyard** first entry in all; **laniard** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**lapsable** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **lapsible** variant in NW, RH, SC

**lardon** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**lardoon** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**largess** first entry in all; **largesse** variant in all

**lasagna** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC
**lasagne** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
(NC offers the variant for the meaning "broad, flat noodles" but not for "boiled lasagna noodles baked with a sauce")

**lassos** first entry in all; **lassoes** variant in all

**latten** first entry in all; **lattin** variant in NC

**laureled, -ling** first entry in all
**laurelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**lavaliere** first entry in all
**lavallière** unqualified in NW, RH; French in AH, SC; **lavalier** variant in NW, RH, SC; **lavalliere** variant in NC

**lea** (grassland, meadow) first entry in all; **ley** variant in AH, NC, RH

**leery** (wary) first entry in all; **leary** variant in AH, NW, SC

**leftward** (adv) first entry in NC, NW, RH; **leftwards** variant in NC, NW, RH

**legging** (covering for legs) first entry in all; **leggin** variant in NC, RH

**leitmotif** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**leitmotiv** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC

**lens** first entry in all; **lense** variant in NC

**lese majesty** first entry in all
**lèse majesté** unqualified in NC, RH; French in AH, SC (with hyphen in SC); **leze majesty** variant in NW; **lèse majesty** variant in RH

**letch** (a lecherous craving) first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW
**lech** first entry in NW; variant in AH

**leukemia** first entry in all; **leukaemia** variant in NW, RH, SC; **leucemia** variant in RH

**leveled, -ling** first entry in all
**levelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**leveler** (noun) first entry in all
**leveller** unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

**liana** first entry in all; **liane** variant in all

**libeled, -ling** first entry in all
**libelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**libelous** first entry in all
**libellous** unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

**license** first entry in all
**licence** unqualified in NC, RH; British in AH, NW, SC

**licenser** first entry in all
**licensor** unqualified in AH, NC; legal sense in NW, RH, SC

**lich gate** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**lych-gate** first entry in NC; **lych gate** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **lich-gate** variant in NC

**lickerish** first entry in all; **liquorish** variant in AH, RH, SC

**licorice** first entry in all
**liquorice** unqualified in RH; British in AH, NC, NW, SC

**life-size** (adj) first entry in all; **life-sized** variant in all

**light-footed** (adj) first entry in all
**light-foot** unqualified in NC, poetic in NW; **lightfoot** poetic in AH, SC

**likable** first entry in all; **likeable** variant in all

**linable** first entry in NW, RH; **lineable** variant in NW, RH

**linage** first entry in all; **lineage** variant in all

**lineman** (one who sets up or repairs power lines) first entry in all; **linesman** variant in all

**liny** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **liney** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**liquefy** first entry in all; **liquify** variant in AH, NC, SC

**lissome** first entry in all; **lissom** variant in all

**litchi** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**lichee** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **lychee** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **lichi** variant in RH

**liter** first entry in all
**litre** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**littoral** first entry in all; **litoral** variant in RH

**livable** first entry in all; **liveable** variant in all

**loath** (adj) first entry in all; **loth** variant in all; **loathe** variant in NC

**locos** (locoweeds, loco diseases) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **locoes** variant in NC

**lodestar** first entry in all; **loadstar** variant in all

**lodestone** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**loadstone** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**lodgment** first entry in all
**lodgement** unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH

**loginess** first entry in NW, RH; **logginess** variant in RH

**logy** (sluggish) first entry in all; **loggy** variant in NC

**lollapalooza** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **lollapaloosa** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **lalapalooza** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **lallapalooza** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**lollipop** first entry in all; **lollypop** variant in all

**lollygag** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
**lallygag** first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW

**longhair** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**long-hair** first entry in NC; **longhaired** variant in AH, NW; **long-haired** variant in NC, RH

**looie** (lieutenant) first entry in NW, RH; **looey** variant in NW, RH; **louie** variant in RH

**loony** first entry in all; **luny** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **looney** variant in NC, NW, RH

**lotus** first entry in all; **lotos** variant in all
(Variant **lotos** for all meanings except in NC, which restricts its use to "a fruit eaten by the lotus eaters and considered to cause indolence and dreamy contentment; also a tree . . . reputed to bear this fruit")

**louver** first entry in all; **louvre** variant in AH, NC, NW

**lovable** first entry in all; **loveable** variant in all

**lower** (verb: to look angry or threatening; noun: a threatening look) first entry in all; **lour** variant in all

**low-key** (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**low-keyed** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**low-necked** (adj) first entry in all; **low-neck** variant in AH, NC, NW

**lubricous** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**lubricious** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**Lucullan** (adj) first entry in all; **Lucullian** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **Lucullean** variant in NW, RH, SC

**luster** first entry in all
**lustre** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**lutanist** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**lutenist** first entry in NC, RH; variant in NW, SC

**lyings-in** first entry in NC, RH; **lying-ins** variant in NC, RH

## M

**macaroni** first entry in all; **maccaroni** variant in AH, SC

**macerator** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**macerater** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH

**Machiavellian** first entry in all; **Machiavelian** variant in RH, SC

**machinable** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **machineable** variant in NC

**mackintosh** first entry in all; **macintosh** variant in all

**madroña** first entry in AH, NC, SC (without tilde in NC); variant in NW, RH
**madroño** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, SC, NC (without tilde in NC); **madrone** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**maenad** first entry in all; **menad** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**Mafia** first entry in all; **Maffia** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**magdalen** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**magdalene** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

**Magna Charta** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**Magna Carta** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**magnificoes** first entry in all; **magnificos** variant in NC, NW

**maharajah** first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC, SC
**maharaja** first entry in NC, SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

**maharani** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**maharanee** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**Mahican** first entry in all; **Mohican** variant in all

**mah-jongg** first entry in NC, NW, RH (capitalized in NC)
**mahjong** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW; **mah-jong** variant in RH, SC; **mahjongg** variant in AH, SC

**majolica** first entry in all; **maiolica** variant in NC, RH, SC

**makable** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **makeable** variant in NC

**make-believe** (noun) first entry in all; **make-belief** variant in SC for single meaning "pretense, sham"

**malamute** first entry in all; **malemute** variant in all; **malemiut** variant in AH, NW, SC

**malarkey** first entry in all; **malarky** variant in AH, NW, SC

**mama** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**mamma** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC; **momma** variant in NC, RH

**mammy** first entry in all; **mammie** variant in AH, SC

**mandatary** (noun: one holding a mandate) first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**mandatory** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH, SC

**Mandingos** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**Mandingoes** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**mandolin** first entry in all; **mandoline** variant in NC

**mandrel** first entry in all; **mandril** variant in all

**maneuver** first entry in all
**manoeuvre** unqualified in RH; British in AH, NC, NW, SC; **manoeuver** British in SC

**mangoes** first entry in all; **mangos** variant in all

**mangy** first entry in all; **mangey** variant in RH

**manifestoes** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**manifestos** first entry in NC; variant in AH, SC

**manikin** first entry in all; **mannikin** variant in all; **manakin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**manila** (hemp, rope, paper) first entry in all; **manilla** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**manitou** first entry in all; **manitu** variant in all; **manito** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**mannequin** first entry in all; **manikin** variant in all; **mannikin** variant in NC

**man-sized** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**man-size** first entry in NC; variant in NW

**mantel** first entry in all; **mantle** variant in all

**margarine** first entry in all; **margarin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**marijuana** first entry in all; **marihuana** variant in all

**marketer** first entry in AH, NC, NW; **marketeer** variant in NW

**marlinespike** first entry in all; **marlinspike** variant in all; **marlingspike** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**marquetry** first entry in all; **marqueterie** variant in all

**marshal** (noun) first entry in all; **marshall** variant in NC

**marshaled, -ling** first entry in all
**marshalled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**martingale** first entry in all; **martingal** variant in AH, NW, SC

**marveled, -ling** first entry in all
**marvelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**marvelous** first entry in all
**marvellous** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in NW, RH

**mashie** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **mashy** variant in AH, RH, SC

**masque** (type of 16th-17th century English entertainment) first entry in all; **mask** variant in all

**matzo** first entry in all; **matzah** variant in RH, SC; **matza** variant in SC; **matzoh** variant in SC; **matsah** variant in NW

**maul** first entry in all
**mall** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; rare in RH

**maulstick** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**mahlstick** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

**mayhem** first entry in all
**maihem** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "earlier form of" in NW

**mazel tov** first entry in AH, NW, RH; **mazal tov** variant in AH, RH; **mazzel tov** variant in NW

**mazurka** first entry in all; **mazourka** variant in all

**meager** first entry in all
**meagre** unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

**meany** first entry in RH; variant in NW
**meanie** first entry in NW

**medaled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**medalled, -lling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**medalist** first entry in all
**medallist** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**medieval** first entry in all; **mediaeval** variant in all

**meditator** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**meditater** first entry in SC

**memento** first entry in all
**momento** unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of **memento**" in NW

**mementos** first entry in all; **mementoes** variant in all

**menfolk** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **menfolks** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**meow** first entry in all; **miaow** variant in all; **miaou** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **miaul** variant in RH; **meou** variant in NW

**Mephistophelean** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**Mephistophelian** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**merchandise** first entry in all; **merchandize** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**mescaline** first entry in all; **mezcaline** variant in NW, RH, SC

**mesquite** first entry in all; **mesquit** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **mezquit** variant in SC; **mezquite** variant in SC

**mestizos** first entry in all; **mestizoes** variant in all

**metaled, -ling** first entry in all
**metalled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**meter** first entry in all; **metre** British in all
(The separate entries for **metre** in NC: "chiefly Brit var of METER," and in NW: "chiefly Brit sp of METER," suggest that the variant applies to all uses of the word. The other three dictionaries clearly exclude the variant for the meaning, as given in RH: "an instrument that automatically measures and registers a quantity consumed, distance traveled, degree of intensity, etc.")

**methadone** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **methadon** variant in NC, RH

**miasma** first entry in all; **miasm** variant in SC

**micron** first entry in all; **mikron** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**mileage** first entry in all; **milage** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**millionaire** first entry in all; **millionnaire** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**millipede** first entry in all; **millepede** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **milliped** variant in AH, SC; **milleped** variant in AH, SC

**milquetoast** (a timid man) first entry in all (capitalized in NC); **milktoast** variant in RH, SC

**minable** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **mineable** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**minuscule** first entry in all
**miniscule** unqualified in NC; "erroneous sp. of **minuscule**" in NW
(RH lists only **minuscule** for this word, but a cross reference at the end of the entry for **majuscule** reads "Cf. **miniscule**")

**misdemeanor** first entry in all; **misdemeanour** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**mishmash** first entry in all; **mishmosh** variant in NW, RH

**missilery** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**missilry** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**missis** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**missus** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**misspelled** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **misspelt** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**miter** first entry in all
**mitre** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**mixable** first entry in all; **mixible** variant in AH, RH, SC

**mizzen** first entry in all; **mizen** variant in all

**mizzenmast** first entry in all; **mizenmast** variant in AH, RH, SC

**modeled, -ling** first entry in all
**modelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**Mohammedan** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
**Muhammadan** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC; **Mahometan** variant in AH, NW, SC; **Muhammedan** variant in AH, SC
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in RH. The single word "Muslim" is used to define **Mohammedan, Mahometan,** and **Muhammadan,** with "also **Muhammedan**" at the end of the entry for **Muhammadan**)

**Mohave** (North American Indian tribe) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **Mojave** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**Mojave Desert** first entry in all; **Mohave Desert** variant in all

**mold** first entry in all
**mould** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**moldy** first entry in all; **mouldy** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**mollusk** first entry in all; **mollusc** variant in all

**molt** first entry in all
**moult** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**monarchal** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **monarchial** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH (SC excluded: **monarchal** is given as an undefined derived form in the entry for **monarch**. "Also **monarchial, monarchic**" is included at the end of the entry for **monarchical**)

**moneyed** first entry in all; **monied** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**moneys** first entry in all; **monies** variant in all (The two plurals are the subject of a usage note in AH)

**mongoose** first entry in all; **mungoose** variant in SC

**moniker** first entry in all; **monicker** variant in all

**monogrammed, -mming** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC
**monogramed, -ming** first entry in SC; variant in AH

**monologue** first entry in all; **monolog** variant in all

**monologist** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**monologuist** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH

**monometallism** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**monometalism** first entry in SC; variant in AH

**mooch** first entry in all
**mouch** unqualified in SC; British in AH

**mood** (grammatical use) first entry in all; **mode** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**moola** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
**moolah** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**Moriscos** first entry in all; **Moriscoes** variant in all

**morphine** first entry in all
**morphia** unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; obsolete in AH; **morphin** variant in SC

**mortgagor** first entry in all; **mortgager** variant in all

**mortise** first entry in all; **mortice** variant in all

**Moslem** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**Muslim** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC; **Muslem** variant in AH, RH, SC (There is a usage note in AH)

**mosque** first entry in all; **mosk** variant in SC

**mosquitoes** first entry in all; **mosquitos** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**mottoes** first entry in all; **mottos** variant in all

**Mountie** (Canadian law-enforcement officer) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**Mounty** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW, RH

**mousy** first entry in all; **mousey** variant in all

**movable** first entry in all; **moveable** variant in all

**Mozartean** first entry in RH; **Mozartian** variant in RH

**mug** (the face, a photograph; to assault; to make funny faces) first entry in all; **mugg** variant in SC

**mukluk** first entry in all; **muckluck** variant in NC, RH; **mucluc** variant in RH

**mulattoes** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**mulattos** first entry in AH; variant in NC

**mullein** first entry in all; **mullen** variant in NC, RH, SC

**mumblety-peg** first entry in AH, NC, SC
**mumbletypeg** first entry in NW, RH; **mumble-the-peg** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **mumble peg** variant in RH; **mumbledypeg** variant in RH; **mumble-peg** variant in SC

**murk** first entry in all; **mirk** variant in all

**murky** first entry in all; **mirky** variant in all

**muscatel** first entry in all; **muscadel** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **muscadelle** variant in RH

**muskeg** first entry in all; **maskeg** variant in AH, SC

**muskellunge** first entry in all; **maskalonge** variant in AH, RH, SC; **maskinonge** variant in AH, RH, SC; **muskallunge** variant in AH, SC; **maskanonge** variant in RH; **muskallonge** variant in RH; **mascalonge** variant in AH

**mustache** first entry in all
**moustache** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

**mutt** first entry in all; **mut** variant in AH, SC

**muumuu** (Hawaiian garment) first entry in all; **mumu** variant in NW; **mu-mu** variant in NW

**muzhik** first entry in all; **moujik** variant in all; **mujik** variant in all; **muzjik** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**myna** first entry in all; **mynah** variant in all; **mina** variant in AH, NW, SC; **minah** variant in NW

## N

**naive** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**naïve** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
**naïf** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; French in SC
**naif** unqualified in AH, NW, RH; French in SC

**naivetē** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**naïvetē** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC
**naivety** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **naïvety** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **naïvete** variant in RH; **naivete** variant in NC

**namable** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**nameable** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**nankeen** first entry in all; **nankin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**nanny** (nursemaid) first entry in all; **nannie** variant in NC

**naphthalene** first entry in all; **naphthaline** variant in AH, RH, SC; **naphthalin** variant in AH, RH

**narc** (short for "narcotic agent") first entry in NC; **nark** variant in NC; **narco** variant in NC

**narcissism** first entry in all; **narcism** variant in all

**narghile** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **nargile** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **nargileh** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**narrator** first entry in all; **narrater** variant in AH, RH, SC

**narrow-gauge** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **narrow-gauged** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC
**narrow-gage** unqualified in AH, SC; technical in RH
**narrow-gaged** unqualified in AH, SC; technical in RH

**narwhal** first entry in all; **narwal** variant in all; **narwhale** variant in all

**naught** first entry in all; **nought** variant in all

**Navaho** first entry in all; **Navajo** variant in all

**Navahos** first entry in all; **Navahoes** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**Nazism** first entry in all; **Naziism** variant in all

**neckerchiefs** first entry in NC; **neckerchieves** variant in NC

**negator** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **negater** variant in NC, NW, RH

**neglecter** first entry in all; **neglector** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**negligee** first entry in all; **negligée** variant in AH, RH, SC; **negligé** variant in AH, NC; **négligé** French in SC

**Negritos** first entry in all; **Negritoes** variant in all

**neighbor** first entry in all; **neighbour** British in all

**nerve-racking** first entry in all; **nerve-wracking** variant in all

**nervous Nellie** first entry in NC, NW; **nervous Nelly** variant in NC

**neuron** first entry in all; **neurone** variant in all

**Newburg** (cooking term) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH (SC has an entry for **à la Newburg**); **Newburgh** variant in AH, NC

**nickeled, -ling** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
**nickelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**nicotine** first entry in all; **nicotin** variant in SC

**nictitate** first entry in all; **nictate** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**nightie** first entry in NC, NW, RH
**nighty** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**niter** first entry in all
**nitre** unqualified in NC, SC; British in AH, NW, RH

**nitroglycerin** first entry in all; **nitroglycerine** variant in all

**noes** (plural) first entry in all; **nos** variant in NC, NW, RH

**nog** (beverage) first entry in all; **nogg** variant in NW, RH, SC

**nonesuch** first entry in all; **nonsuch** variant in all

**nonpartisan** first entry in all; **nonpartizan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**nonplused, -sing** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**nonplussed, -ssing** first entry in NC; unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**northward** (adv) first entry in all; **northwards** variant in all

**nosy** first entry in all; **nosey** variant in all

**notaries public** first entry in all; **notary publics** variant in NC, NW

**novitiate** first entry in all
**noviciate** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NW

**noway** first entry in all; **noways** variant in all

**nudnik** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **nudnick** variant in AH, SC

**numbness** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**numbedness** first entry in SC

**numskull** first entry in all; **numbskull** variant in all

**nursling** first entry in all; **nurseling** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**nymphet** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **nymphette** variant in NC

## O

**obbligato** first entry in all; **obligato** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**obeah** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**obi** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW; **obe** variant in SC; **obia** variant in SC

**obstructer** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**obstructor** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ocher** first entry in all
**ochre** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**octet** first entry in all; **octette** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**odalisque** first entry in all; **odalisk** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**odor** first entry in all; **odour** British in all

**oenology** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**enology** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH; **oinology** variant in AH, SC

**off-color** (adj) first entry in all; **off-colored** variant in NC

**offendable** first entry in RH; **offendible** variant in RH

**offense** first entry in all
**offence** unqualified in NC, RH; British in AH, NW, SC

**offerer** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**offeror** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; legal sense in NW

**offhand** (adj) first entry in all; **offhanded** variant in all

**ogreish** first entry in all; **ogrish** variant in NW, RH, SC

**OK** first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
**O.K.** first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW, SC; **okay** variant in all

**OK'd, OK'ing** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH
**O.K.'d, O.K.'ing** first entry in AH, RH; variant in NW; **okayed, okaying** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**okey-doke** first entry in NW, RH
**okeydoke** first entry in NC; **okey-dokey** variant in NW, RH; **okeydokey** variant in NC

**oldie** (old joke, song, etc.) first entry in NC, NW; **oldy** variant in NC, NW

**oleomargarine** first entry in all; **oleomargarin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ombre** first entry in AH, NC, SC; unqualified in NW; British in RH
**omber** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, SC; **hombre** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**omelet** first entry in all
**omelette** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**one-armed bandit** (slot machine) first entry in NC, NW, RH; **one-arm bandit** variant in NC, RH

**oneself** first entry in all; **one's self** variant in all

**onward** (adv) first entry in all; **onwards** variant in all

**orang-utan** first entry in AH, RH, SC
**orangutan** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH; **orangoutang** variant in NW, RH; **orangutang** variant in AH, RH; **orangoutan** variant in AH, NC; **orang-outang** variant in SC

**orangy** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **orangey** variant in NC, RH

**orchestrator** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **orchestrater** variant in NC, NW, RH

**organdy** first entry in all; **organdie** variant in all

**ornery** first entry in all; **onery** variant in SC

**orris** first entry in all; **orrice** variant in RH, SC

**orthopedics** first entry in all; **orthopaedics** variant in all

**outdoor** (adj) first entry in all; **outdoors** variant in NC, RH

**out-of-door** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**out-of-doors** first entry in RH; variant in NC

**outsize** (adj) first entry in all; **outsized** variant in all

**outward** (adv) first entry in all; **outwards** variant in all

**ouzel** first entry in all; **ousel** variant in all

**overseas** (adj) first entry in all
**oversea** unqualified in NC, SC; British in NW, RH; rare in AH

**oversize** (adj) first entry in all; **oversized** variant in all

**oxide** first entry in all; **oxid** variant in RH, SC

## P

**pabulum** (insipid intellectual nourishment) first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH
**pablum** first entry in NW, RH

**paean** first entry in all; **pean** variant in AH, NW, SC

**pagoda** first entry in all; **pagod** variant in SC

**Paiute** first entry in all; **Piute** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**pajamas** first entry in all; **pyjamas** British in all

**palanquin** first entry in all; **palankeen** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**pale-, paleo-** (e.g., **paleontology**) first entry in all
**palae-, palaeo-** (e.g., **palaeontology**) unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British in AH

**palestra** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**palaestra** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**palette** (painter's implement) first entry in all; **pallet** variant in AH, NW, SC

**palmettos** first entry in all; **palmettoes** variant in all

**panatela** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**panetela** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH
**panetella** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **panatella** variant in AH, NW, RH

**pandemonium** first entry in all; **pandaemonium** variant in AH, SC

**pander** (noun) first entry in all; **panderer** variant in all

**paneled, -ling** first entry in all
**panelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**paneling** (noun) first entry in all
**panelling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**pannier** first entry in all; **panier** variant in NC, NW, RH

**pantalets** first entry in all; **pantalettes** variant in all

**panties** first entry in NW, RH, SC
**pantie** first entry in AH, NC, both of which indicate "usually in the plural"; variant in NW, RH, SC; **panty** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**pantsuit** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **pants suit** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **pant suit** variant in RH

**papa** first entry in all; **poppa** variant in NC

**papaw** first entry in all; **pawpaw** variant in all

**papier-mâché** first entry in all; **paper-mâché** variant in RH

**papoose** first entry in all; **pappoose** variant in AH, RH, SC

**paprika** first entry in all; **paprica** variant in SC

**paradisiacal** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**paradisaic** first entry in SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **paradisaical** variant in all; **paradisiac** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**paraffin** first entry in all; **paraffine** variant in NW, RH, SC

**parakeet** first entry in all; **parrakeet** variant in all; **parroquet** variant in AH, SC; **paroquet** variant in AH, SC; **parroket** variant in AH, SC; **paraquet** variant in AH, SC

**paralleled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**parallelled, -lling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**paralyze** first entry in all; **paralyse** British in NC, RH

**paranoia** first entry in all; **paranoea** variant in SC

**paranoiac** first entry in all; **paranoic** variant in SC; **paranoeac** variant in SC

**parceled, -ling** first entry in all
**parcelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**parlor** first entry in all; **parlour** British in all

**parmigiana** (e.g., "veal parmigiana") first entry in NC, RH; **parmigiano** variant in NC, RH

**parti-colored** first entry in all; **party-colored** variant in NW, RH, SC

**partisan** first entry in all; **partizan** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**parvenu** (adj) first entry in all; **parvenue** variant in NC

**pasha** first entry in all; **pacha** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**passados** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **passadoes** variant in NC, NW, RH

**pastelist** first entry in all
**pastellist** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**pastille** first entry in all; **pastil** variant in all

**pastrami** first entry in all; **pastromi** variant in NC

**pasty** (British: a meat pie) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **pastie** variant in NW

**pat-a-cake** first entry in NW; **patty-cake** variant in NW

**pathogen** first entry in all; **pathogene** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**patina** (incrustation or film formed because of age or use) first entry in all; **patine** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**patty** (small pie, candy, meat cake) first entry in all; **pattie** variant in NC

**pavane** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**pavan** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **pavin** variant in AH, NC, NW

**pawner** first entry in all; **pawnor** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**payer** first entry in all; **payor** variant in NC

**peasecod** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **peascod** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**peavey** first entry in all; **peavy** variant in all

**peccadilloes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**peccadillos** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**pedagogue** first entry in all; **pedagog** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**pedaled, -ling** first entry in all
**pedalled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**peddler** first entry in all; **pedlar** variant in all; **pedler** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**pederast** first entry in all; **paederast** variant in RH, SC

**pedestaled, -ling** first entry in all
**pedestalled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**pediatrics** first entry in all
**paediatrics** unqualified in SC; British in RH

**peen** (rounded head of hammer) first entry in all; **pein** variant in NC, RH

**peg-top** (adj) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **peg-topped** variant in NC

**Pekingese** first entry in all; **Pekinese** variant in all

**pemmican** first entry in all; **pemican** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**penciled, -ling** first entry in all
**pencilled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**pendant** (noun) first entry in all; **pendent** variant in all

**pendent** (adj) first entry in all; **pendant** variant in all

**peneplain** first entry in all; **peneplane** variant in all

**penology** first entry in all; **poenology** variant in AH, SC

**penuche** (a kind of candy) first entry in all; **panocha** variant in all; **penuchi** variant in AH, NW, SC; **panoche** variant in NC, NW; **penoche** variant in NC

**peperoni** first entry in RH; variant in NW
**pepperoni** first entry in NW; variant in RH

**pepsin** first entry in all; **pepsine** variant in AH, RH, SC

**perdu** first entry in all; **perdue** variant in all

**periled, -ling** first entry in all
**perilled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**peritoneum** first entry in all; **peritonaeum** variant in AH, SC

**perlite** first entry in all; **pearlite** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**peroxide** first entry in all; **peroxid** variant in AH, SC

**persnickety** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**pernickety** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**petaled** first entry in all; **petalled** variant in all

**petit bourgeois** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **petty bourgeois** variant in AH, NW

**petit jury** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**petty jury** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**petit larceny** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH
**petty larceny** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW
(SC excluded, since separate entries for these two spellings carry cross references to **larceny**, in which entry "petty (or petit) larceny" is included in the definition)

**petits fours** first entry in all; **petit fours** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**pewee** first entry in all; **peewee** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**peyote** first entry in all; **peyotl** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**phantasm** first entry in all; **fantasm** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**phantasmagoria** first entry in all; **phantasmagory** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **fantasmagoria** variant in RH, SC

**phantom** first entry in all; **fantom** variant in all

**pharmacopoeia** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**pharmacopeia** first entry in NW; variant in RH

**philanderer** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**philander** first entry in SC; rare in NW

**philter** first entry in all
**philtre** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in NW, RH

**phoenix** first entry in all; **phenix** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**phony** first entry in all; **phoney** variant in all

**photostated, -ting** first entry in AH, NW, SC; **photostatted, -tting** variant in AH, NW, SC

**pi** (printing term) first entry in all
**pie** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

**pickaninny** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
**piccaninny** unqualified in SC; British in RH; **picaninny** variant in NC, RH

**pickax** first entry in all; **pickaxe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**pidgin** first entry in all
**pigeon** unqualified in NW; "not in technical use" in RH

**piggy** (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **piggie** variant in NW, SC

**piggyback** (1. on the back or shoulders; 2. relating to the carrying of one vehicle by another) first entry in all; **pickaback** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, and for 1 only in RH, SC

**pilaf** first entry in all; **pilau** variant in all; **pilaff** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **pilaw** variant in AH, NW, SC

**pilsner** first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**pilsener** first entry in NW; variant in NC, RH, SC

**pimento cheese** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **pimiento cheese** variant in RH

**pimiento** (a sweet pepper or its fruit) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**pimento** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**pincers** first entry in all; **pinchers** variant in all

**pinkie** (the little finger) first entry in all; **pinky** variant in all

**pinkos** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **pinkoes** variant in NC, RH

**pinochle** first entry in all; **pinocle** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **penuchle** variant in AH, NW, SC; **penuckle** variant in AH, NW, SC

**piñon** first entry in all; **pinyon** variant in AH, NC, SC; **pinion** variant in NC

**pintados** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **pintadoes** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**pintos** first entry in all; **pintoes** variant in AH, NC

**pint-size** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **pint-sized** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**piny** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**piney** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**pipage** first entry in all; **pipeage** variant in AH, NC

**pipette** first entry in all; **pipet** variant in all

**piranha** first entry in all; **pirañ̃a** variant in AH, SC; **piraya** variant in SC

**pistachio** first entry in all; **pistache** variant in AH, RH, SC

**pistoled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**pistolled, -lling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**pistol-whipped** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **pistol-whipt** variant in SC

**pitapat** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**pit-a-pat** first entry in NC; **pitty-pat** variant in SC

**pixieish** first entry in NC, NW; variant in RH
**pixyish** first entry in RH; variant in NW

**pixy** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**pixie** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**pizzazz** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW
**pizazz** first entry in NW; variant in NC; **pazazz** variant in NW; **bezazz** variant in NW

**placebos** first entry in all; **placeboes** variant in all

**plaguy** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
**plaguey** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, SC

**plasma** first entry in all
**plasm** unqualified for all meanings in AH, NC, SC; restricted uses in RH and NW

**plastically** first entry in all; **plasticly** variant in RH

**plebe** (freshman at U.S. Military or Naval Academy) first entry in all; **pleb** variant in AH, NW, SC

**plectrum** first entry in all; **plectron** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**plenitude** first entry in all; **plentitude** variant in NC

**plow** first entry in all
**plough** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**plumb** (e.g., "plumb tired") first entry in all; **plum** variant in AH, RH, SC

**pluses** first entry in NC, NW, SC; **plusses** variant in NC, NW

**pocketfuls** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **pocketsful** variant in AH

**poets laureate** first entry in all; **poet laureates** variant in AH, NC, NW

**pokey** (jail) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**poky** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW

**poky** (adj: slow) first entry in all; **pokey** variant in all

**poleax** first entry in all; **poleaxe** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**polioencephalitis** first entry in RH, SC; **poliencephalitis** variant in RH, SC

**Politburo** first entry in all (lower case in AH, NC); **Politbureau** variant in RH

**politicos** first entry in all; **politicoes** variant in NC

**pollack** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**pollock** first entry in AH; unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**pollinate** first entry in all; **pollenate** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**polliwog** first entry in all; **pollywog** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**polyglotism** first entry in AH, NC, SC; **polyglottism** variant in AH, NC

**pomelo** first entry in all; **pumelo** variant in RH

**pommel** (noun) first entry in all; **pummel** variant in AH, RH, SC

**Pompeian** first entry in all; **Pompeiian** variant in NC, RH

**pompon** (decorative tuft of wool, feathers, etc.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**pompom** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW

**pontoon** first entry in all
**ponton** unqualified in NC, RH; U.S. in NW, SC

**porcelaneous** first entry in all; **porcellaneous** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**portaled** first entry in RH; **portalled** variant in RH

**porticoes** first entry in all; **porticos** variant in all

**postfixal** first entry in AH, RH; **postfixial** variant in AH, RH

**postilion** first entry in all
**postillion** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**postmasters general** first entry in all; **postmaster generals** variant in NW

**poteen** first entry in all; **potheen** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **potteen** variant in SC

**potsherd** first entry in all; **potshard** variant in AH, SC

**poulard** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**poularde** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH

**pouter** (breed of pigeon) first entry in all; **powter** variant in SC

**practice** (verb) first entry in all
**practise** unqualified in NC, RH, SC; British in AH, NW

**practice** (noun) first entry in all
**practise** unqualified in AH, NC; British in SC

**preceptorial** first entry in all; **preceptoral** variant in RH

**predacious** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**predaceous** first entry in NC (but the second definition reads "*usu predacious:* tending to devour or despoil: rapacious"); unqualified in AH, NW, SC; "Esp. Biol." in RH

**preemie** (premature infant) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **premie** variant in AH, NC, RH

**prefect** first entry in all; **praefect** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**premiere** (noun) first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**première** first entry in AH, NW; variant in RH, SC

**premiere** (verb) first entry in NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**première** first entry in AH, NW; variant in RH, SC
(AH: "Première, as a verb, is unacceptable to 86 per cent of the Usage Panel.")
**premier** variant in NC

**premise** (noun) first entry in all; **premiss** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**pretense** first entry in all
**pretence** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**preterit** first entry in all; **preterite** variant in all

**preventable** first entry in all; **preventible** variant in all

**preventive** first entry in all; **preventative** variant in all

**preview** first entry in all
**prevue** unqualified for noun and verb in AH, NW, RH, SC; restricted to single meaning "a showing of snatches from a motion picture" in NC

**prier** first entry in all; **pryer** variant in all

**primeval** first entry in all; **primaeval** variant in RH

**princess** (adj: dressmaking term) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**princesse** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**prize** (to raise by applying leverage) first entry in all
**prise** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; British in NC, NW

**processible** first entry in NC; **processable** variant in NC

**processor** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **processer** variant in AH, NW, SC

**producible** first entry in all; **produceable** variant in RH

**program** first entry in all
**programme** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**programmatic** first entry in all; **programatic** variant in SC

**programmed, -mming** first entry in AH, NC, NW; unqualified in SC; "esp. Brit. and Computer Technol." in RH
**programed, -ming** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW

**programmer** first entry in all; **programer** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**prohibiter** first entry in NW, RH, SC; **prohibitor** variant in NW, RH

**prolifically** first entry in all; **prolificly** variant in RH

**prologue** first entry in all; **prolog** variant in NC, RH, SC

**prologuize** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**prologize** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**pronunciamentos** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **pronunciamentoes** variant in NC

**propellant** (noun) first entry in all
**propellent** variant for all meanings in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant for single meaning "a solid or liquid fuel that serves to propel a rocket, guided missile, etc." in SC

**propellent** (adj) first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**propellant** first entry in AH, NC

**propeller** first entry in all; **propellor** variant in AH, NC

**prophecy** (noun) first entry in all; **prophesy** variant in NC

**proselytize** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**proselyte** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**prosit** first entry in all; **prost** variant in NC, NW, SC

**protector** first entry in all; **protecter** variant in AH, SC

**protester** first entry in all
**protestor** unqualified in NC, NW; capitalized and restricted to one meaning "Scotsman who protested . . . in 1650" in SC

**prothalamion** first entry in all; **prothalamium** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**prothonotary** first entry in all; **protonotary** variant in all

**protocoled, -ling** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NW
**protocolled, -lling** first entry in NW; variant in AH, SC

**protozoan** (noun) first entry in all; **protozoon** variant in all

**provisos** first entry in all; **provisoes** variant in all

**psaltery** first entry in all; **psaltry** variant in AH, NC

**psych** (to outguess, intimidate) first entry in AH, NC, NW; **psyche** variant in NC

**psychedelic** first entry in all; **psychodelic** variant in NW, RH

**ptomaine** first entry in all; **ptomain** variant in AH, SC

**pudgy** first entry in all
**podgy** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**pukka** first entry in all; **pucka** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**pulsimeter** first entry in all; **pulsometer** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**pummel** (verb) first entry in NC, NW; variant in SC
**pommel** first entry in SC; variant in NC, NW
(The status of these two spellings is clearly indicated in the three dictionaries represented above. In RH and AH the separate entries for the two words suggest that the two spellings are interchangeable.
RH: **pummel**: "to beat or thrash with or as if with the fists"; **pommel**: "to beat or strike with or as with the fists or a pommel"
AH: **pummel**: "to pommel"; **pommel**: "to beat, pummel")

**pummeled, -ling** (or **pommeled, -ling**) first entry in all
**pummelled, -lling** (or **pommelled, -lling**) unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**pumpkin** first entry in all
**punkin** unqualified in NC; regional in AH

**punch card** first entry in NC, NW, RH
**punched card** first entry in AH; variant in NC, RH

**punchinellos** first entry in AH, NW, SC; **punchinelloes** variant in AH, SC

**punkie** (gnat, midge) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**punky** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC; **punkey** variant in AH, SC

**pupilage** first entry in all; **pupillage** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**purdah** first entry in all; **purda** variant in RH; **pardah** variant in RH

**pureblood** (adj) first entry in NC; **pure-blooded** variant in NC

**purl** (knitting term) first entry in all
**pearl** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; obsolete in NW

**purlin** first entry in all; **purline** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**purr** first entry in all; **pur** variant in RH, SC

**put-put** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NW
**putt-putt** first entry in NW; variant in RH

**puttee** first entry in all; **putty** variant in AH, RH, SC

**putter** (verb) first entry in all
**potter** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**pygmaean** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **pygmean** variant in NC, NW, RH

**pygmy** first entry in all; **pigmy** variant in all

**pyorrhea** first entry in all; **pyorrhoea** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

## Q

**quahog** first entry in all; **quahaug** variant in all; **quohog** variant in NW; **cohog** variant in SC

**quarreled, -ling** first entry in all
**quarrelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**quarreler** first entry in all
**quarreller** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**quartet** first entry in all
**quartette** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**queasy** first entry in all; **queazy** variant in AH, NC

**quetzal** first entry in all; **quezal** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**queue** (file of people waiting in line) first entry in all; **cue** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**queuing** (pres. part.) first entry in all; **queueing** variant in NC

**quiniela** first entry in NC; variant in NW
**quinella** first entry in NW; variant in NC

**quinine** first entry in all; **quinin** variant in SC

**quintet** first entry in all; **quintette** variant in all

## R

**rabato** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**rebato** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**rabbet** first entry in all; **rebate** variant in all

**rabbi** first entry in all
**rabbin** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in NW, RH

**rabbis** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **rabbies** variant in NW, SC

**raccoon** first entry in all; **racoon** variant in all

**racket** (implement used in net games) first entry in all; **racquet** variant in all

**raffia** first entry in all; **raphia** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**raisable** first entry in RH; **raiseable** variant in RH

**rajah** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**raja** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**Ramadan** first entry in all
**Ramazan** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; "in India" in RH; **Ramadhan** variant in AH, SC

**ramekin** first entry in all; **ramequin** variant in all

**rancor** first entry in all; **rancour** British in all

**rani** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**ranee** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**rarefy** first entry in all; **rarify** variant in NC

**raspberry** (informal: "Bronx cheer") first entry in all; **razzberry** variant in AH, SC

**ratable** first entry in all; **rateable** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**rat-a-tat** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**rat-a-tat-tat** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**ratchet** first entry in all; **rachet** variant in NC

**ratline** first entry in all; **ratlin** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **rat-lin** variant in RH; **rattling** variant in RH

**rattan** first entry in all; **ratan** variant in NW, RH, SC

**raveled, -ling** first entry in all
**ravelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**raven** (to plunder; to devour greedily) first entry in all; **ravin** variant in NW, RH, SC

**ravin** (the act of preying; something plundered) first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**raven** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NW

**raze** first entry in all
**rase** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

**razor-backed** (adj) first entry in NC; **razorback** variant in NC

**ready-mix** (adj) first entry in NW, RH, SC; **ready-mixed** variant in RH

**rearward** (adv) first entry in all; **rearwards** variant in all

**rebatable** first entry in RH; **rebateable** variant in RH

**rebec** first entry in all; **rebeck** variant in all

**reconnaissance** first entry in all; **reconnoissance** variant in AH, RH, SC

**reconnoiter** first entry in all; **reconnoitre** British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**redd** (to set in order) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **red** variant in AH, NW, SC

**redressable** first entry in NW, RH; **redressible** variant in RH

**redresser** first entry in all; **redressor** variant in AH, RH, SC

**red-winged blackbird** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**redwing blackbird** first entry in NC; variant in NW

**referable** first entry in all; **referrable** variant in NW, RH, SC; **referrible** variant in NW, SC

**reflection** first entry in all
**reflexion** unqualified in SC; British in AH, NC, NW, RH

**refueled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**refuelled, -lling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**registrable** first entry in all; **registerable** variant in RH

**regrettable (-bly)** first entry in all; **regretable (-bly)** variant in RH

**reinforce** first entry in all; **reenforce** variant in all; **re-enforce** variant in AH, NW, RH; **reënforce** variant in AH, NW, RH

**rejecter** first entry in all; **rejector** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**remodeled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**remodelled, -lling** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**rémoulade** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **remolade** variant in AH, NW

**renaissance** first entry in all; **renascence** variant in all

**Renaissance** first entry in all; **Renascence** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**renege** first entry in all; **renig** variant in NC

**renounceable** first entry in RH; **renunciable** variant in RH

**rep** (corded cloth) first entry in all; **repp** variant in all

**reparable** first entry in all; **repairable** variant in AH, SC
(AH and SC use the standard indication of a variant, "also **repairable**," with this entry. NC, NW, and RH hint at this status by defining **reparable** as "capable of being repaired," and including **repairable** as an undefined adjectival form at the end of the entry for **repair**)

**repellent** first entry in all; **repellant** variant in NC, NW, RH

**represser** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**repressor** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**requester** first entry in NC, RH; **requestor** variant in NC

**resalable** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **resaleable** variant in RH

**resistible** first entry in all; **resistable** variant in NC

**restaurateur** first entry in all; **restauranteur** variant in NC

**résumé** first entry in all; **resume** variant in NC, NW, RH; **resumé** variant in NC, NW

**retractable** first entry in all; **retractible** variant in AH, RH, SC

**reveled, -ling** first entry in all
**revelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**reveler** first entry in all
**reveller** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**reverie** first entry in all; **revery** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**revers** first entry in all; **revere** variant in all

**revisable** first entry in AH, NC, RH; **revisible** variant in RH

**reviser** first entry in all; **revisor** variant in all

**revocable** first entry in all; **revokable** variant in all

**revue** first entry in all; **review** variant in all

**rhyme** first entry in all; **rime** variant in all

**rhymester** first entry in all; **rimester** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**riboflavin** first entry in all; **riboflavine** variant in NW, RH

**rickrack** first entry in all; **ricrac** variant in NC, RH

**rickshaw** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**ricksha** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **rikshaw** variant in RH; **rikisha** variant in RH

**ricocheted, -ting** first entry in all
**ricochetted, -tting** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**ridable** first entry in all; **rideable** variant in NC, NW

**right-angled** (adj) first entry in all; **right-angle** variant in NC, NW

**rights-of-way** first entry in NC, RH; **right-of-ways** variant in NC

**rigmarole** first entry in all; **rigamarole** variant in all

**rigor** first entry in all; **rigour** British in all

**rill** (narrow valley on surface of the moon) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**rille** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**rinky-dink** first entry in NW; **rinky-tink** variant in NW

**rinsable** first entry in AH, RH; **rinsible** variant in AH, RH

**riposte** first entry in all; **ripost** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**rivaled, -ling** first entry in all
**rivalled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**rock-and-roll** first entry in NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
**rock 'n' roll** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC
**rock- 'n'- roll** first entry in RH; **rock and roll** variant in NC

**rocketeer** first entry in all; **rocketer** variant in RH

**rodomontade** first entry in all; **rhodomontade** variant in AH, NC

**roentgen** first entry in all; **röntgen** variant in AH, NC, SC (NW and RH, by capitalizing the secondary spelling, suggest that the variant applies only to the name of the German physicist)

**roguing** (pres. part.) first entry in all; **rogueing** variant in NC

**roister** first entry in all; **royster** variant in NC

**Romansch** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC
**Romansh** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**Romany** first entry in all; **Rommany** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ruble** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**rouble** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**ruche** first entry in all; **rouche** variant in AH, SC

**Rumanian** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**Romanian** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **Roumanian** variant in all

**rumba** first entry in all; **rhumba** variant in all

**rumor** first entry in all; **rumour** British in all

**rustically** first entry in all; **rusticly** variant in RH

## S

**saber** first entry in all
**sabre** unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC

**saccharin** (noun) first entry in all; **saccharine** variant in NW, SC

**sack** (loose fitting dress or jacket) first entry in all; **sacque** variant in all

**saguaro** first entry in all; **sahuaro** variant in AH, NW, SC

**Saharan** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **Saharian** variant in RH

**sake** (Japanese fermented beverage) first entry in all; **saki** variant in all; **saké** variant in RH

**salable** first entry in all; **saleable** variant in all

**salmagundi** first entry in all; **salmagundy** variant in AH, SC

**salmi** first entry in all; **salmis** variant in AH, RH, SC

**saltpeter** first entry in all
**saltpetre** unqualified in RH; British in AH, NW, SC

**salvos** first entry in all; **salvoes** variant in all

**Samoyed** (breed of dog) first entry in all; **Samoyede** variant in all

**sanatorium** (an institution for the treatment of chronic diseases) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW
**sanitarium** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, SC; **sanatarium** variant in AH, NC; **sanitorium** variant in NC
(See separate entry below: **sanitarium**)

**sandaled** first entry in NW, RH, SC
**sandalled** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**sandbur** first entry in all; **sandburr** variant in NW, RH, SC

**sanguineous** (pertaining to or containing blood) first entry in all; **sanguinous** variant in RH

**sanitarium** (a health resort) first entry in AH, NW, RH; variant in NC, SC
**sanatorium** first entry in NC, SC; unqualified in AH, RH; British in NW; **sanitorium** variant in NC; **sanatarium** variant in NC
(See separate entry above: **sanatorium.** Spelling preference based on meaning is found in RH and AH. The main entry carrying all definitions is **sanatorium** in NC and **sanitarium** in NW. Under the main entry **sanatorium**, SC notes the distinction that is sometimes made but adds that "the words are often used interchangeably." The British tag found in NW for **sanatorium** echoes Fowler's note that **sanitarium** is the usual U.S. spelling [*Modern English Usage*, second edition, 534]. Fowler disposes of **sanatarium** by linking it with two other derivatives which "do not exist.")

**Sanskrit** first entry in all; **Sanscrit** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**Santa Claus** first entry in all; **Santa Klaus** variant in NW

**saraband** first entry in all; **sarabande** variant in NC, RH, SC

**sari** first entry in all; **saree** variant in NC, NW, SC

**satinet** first entry in all; **satinette** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**saturator** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**saturater** first entry in RH, SC

**sauerkraut** first entry in all; **sourcrout** variant in AH, SC

**sautéed** first entry in all; **sautéd** variant in NC

**sauterne** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**sauternes** first entry in RH (capitalized); variant in AH, NW, SC

**savable** first entry in all; **saveable** variant in all

**savanna** first entry in all; **savannah** variant in all

**savior** first entry in all
**saviour** unqualified in NC, NW; British in AH, RH, SC

**savor** first entry in all
**savour** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**savory** (adj, noun) first entry in all
**savoury** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**scalawag** first entry in all; **scallywag** variant in all
**scallawag** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**scallop** first entry in all; **scollop** variant in all

**scaloppine** first entry in AH, NW, RH
**scallopini** first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH; **scaloppini** variant in AH; **scalloppeni** variant in NW

**Scaramouch** first entry in all; **Scaramouche** variant in NC, RH

**scarfs** (headdresses, cloth runners, sashes, etc.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**scarves** first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH
(**Scarfs** is the only plural given for the word as used in carpentry: "a lapped joint notching two timbers at the end")

**scary** first entry in all; **scarey** variant in NC

**scepter** first entry in all; **sceptre** British in all

**schist** first entry in all; **shist** variant in AH, SC

**schlemiel** first entry in all; **schlemihl** variant in NW, RH, SC; **shlemiel** variant in RH; **shlemiehl** variant in NC

**schlock** first entry in AH, NC, NW; **shlock** variant in NC

**schmaltz** first entry in all; **schmalz** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **shmaltz** variant in NW

**schmo** first entry in all; **schmoe** variant in all; **shmo** variant in AH

**schmooze** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**schmoose** first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH; **schmoos** variant in NW, RH

**schnapps** first entry in all; **schnaps** variant in NW, SC; **shnaps** variant in RH

**schnook** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **shnook** variant in NW

**schoolmarm** first entry in all; **schoolma'am** variant in all

**scimitar** first entry in all; **scimiter** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **simitar** variant in NW, RH, SC; **scimetar** variant in SC

**scion** (bud or twig used for grafting) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**cion** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**Scotsman** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**Scotchman** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (Usage note in AH: "sometimes considered mildly offensive")

**sculpt** (verb) first entry in all; **sculp** variant in NW, RH, SC

**seamstress** first entry in all
**sempstress** unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH

**seaward** (adv) first entry in all; **seawards** variant in all

**secretariat** first entry in all; **secretariate** variant in AH, RH, SC

**seducible** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **seduceable** variant in AH, RH, SC

**seedsman** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **seedman** variant in NW, RH, SC

**selfward** (adv) first entry in NW, RH; **selfwards** variant in NW, RH

**selvage** first entry in all; **selvedge** variant in all

**semestral** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **semestrial** variant in NC, RH

**semiology** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**semeiology** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

**Semite** first entry in all
**Shemite** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; rare in NW

**sentineled, -ling** first entry in all
**sentinelled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in AH, RH

**septet** first entry in all
**septette** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**septicemia** first entry in all; **septicaemia** variant in RH, SC

**sepulcher** first entry in all
**sepulchre** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**sequined** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **sequinned** variant in NC, NW

**serape** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**sarape** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**sere** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**sear** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**sergeant** first entry in all
**serjeant** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**sergeants major** first entry in NC, NW; **sergeant majors** variant in NC

**servable** first entry in RH; **serveable** variant in RH

**sewage** first entry in all; **sewerage** variant in all

**sextet** first entry in all; **sextette** variant in NW, RH, SC

**shakable** first entry in all; **shakeable** variant in all

**Shakespeare** first entry in all; **Shakspere** variant in all; **Shakespere** variant in NW, SC; **Shakspeare** variant in SC; **Shakespear** variant in RH (NW adds "etc." after its second variant entry)

**Shakespearean** first entry in all; **Shakespearian** variant in all; **Shaksperian** variant in NC, RH; **Shaksperean** variant in NC

**shako** first entry in all; **shacko** variant in AH, SC

**shakos** first entry in all; **shakoes** variant in AH, NC, RH

**shalom** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **sholom** variant in NC, NW

**shamable** first entry in RH; **shameable** variant in RH

**shapable** first entry in NC, RH; **shapeable** variant in NC, RH

**sharable** first entry in RH; variant in NC
**shareable** first entry in NC; variant in RH

**shard** (1. potsherd; broken pottery; 2. tough sheath; wing covering of beetle) first entry in all
**sherd** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NC, NW, RH, and for 1 only in SC (But NC adds "usu **sherd**: fragments of pottery vessels found on sites")

**sharpie** first entry in all (SC has a definition for "a long, sharp, flat-bottomed sail-boat" but not one for "an alert, sharp-witted person"); **sharpy** variant for both meanings in NC, RH

**shashlik** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **shashlick** variant in AH, NC, RH; **shaslik** variant in NC, RH

**shavable** first entry in RH; **shaveable** variant in RH

**sheathe** (verb) first entry in all; **sheath** variant in all

**shedable** first entry in RH; **sheddable** variant in RH

**sheeny** (offensive term for a Jew) first entry in AH, RH; **sheeney** variant in RH; **sheenie** variant in RH

**sheepcote** first entry in all; **sheepcot** variant in NW, SC

**sheik** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**sheikh** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (Note in NC: "usu **sheik**: a man held to be irresistibly attractive to romantic young women")

**shellac** first entry in all; **shellack** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **shell-lac** variant in AH, SC

**sheltie** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**shelty** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**sherbet** first entry in all; **sherbert** variant in NC

**shier, shiest** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**shyer, shyest** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH, NC, SC

**shillelagh** first entry in all; **shillalah** variant in all; **shillelah** variant in NW, RH, SC; **shillala** variant in RH, SC; **shillealah** variant in SC

**shinny** (variety of hockey) first entry in all; **shinney** variant in NC, NW, SC

**shish kebab** first entry in all; **shish kabob** variant in AH, NW; **shish kebob** variant in AH

**shivaree** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**charivari** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH; **chivaree** variant in AH, RH, SC; **charivaree** variant in RH; **chivari** variant in RH

**shoat** first entry in all; **shote** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**shofar** first entry in all; **shophar** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**shoot-the-chutes** (noun) first entry in NC
**chute-the-chute** first entry in NW; **shoot-the-chute** variant in NW

**shoreward** (adv) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **shorewards** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**shorty** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **shortie** variant in NC, NW, RH

**shoveled, -ling** first entry in all
**shovelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**shoveler** first entry in all
**shoveller** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**shovelfuls** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **shovelsful** variant in NC

**shriveled, -ling** first entry in all
**shrivelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**shtick** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **schtick** variant in NC, NW, SC; **schtik** variant in NW

**shuffleboard** first entry in all; **shovelboard** variant in AH, SC

**shyly** first entry in all; **shily** variant in AH, SC

**sic** (e.g., "Sic 'em, Fido") first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**sick** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**sickly** (adv) first entry in all; **sicklily** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**sideling** first entry in all; **sidling** variant in NC

**sideward** (adv) first entry in all; **sidewards** variant in all

**signaled, -ling** first entry in all
**signalled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**signaler** first entry in all
**signaller** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**siliceous** first entry in all; **silicious** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**silkaline** first entry in NC, RH, SC; **silkoline** variant in NC, RH; **silkolene** variant in RH; **silkalene** variant in SC

**silviculture** first entry in all; **sylviculture** variant in NC, RH

**siphon** first entry in all; **syphon** variant in all

**sirocco** first entry in all; **scirocco** variant in AH, NC

**sissiness** first entry in RH; **sissyness** variant in RH

**Sisyphean** first entry in all; **Sisyphian** variant in NC

**sizable** first entry in all; **sizeable** variant in all

**skald** first entry in all; **scald** variant in all

**skein** (loosely coiled length of yarn or thread wound on a reel) first entry in all; **skean** variant in NC; **skeane** variant in NC

**skeptic** first entry in all
**sceptic** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

**skeptical** first entry in all
**sceptical** unqualified in RH, SC; British in NW

**ski** first entry in all
**skee** unqualified in SC; rare in NW

**skiddoo** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **skidoo** variant in NC

**skied** (past tense, past part. of "to sky") first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **skyed** variant in NC, NW

**skillful** first entry in all
**skilful** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**skill-less** first entry in NC, RH, SC; **skilless** variant in NC, RH

**skim milk** first entry in all; **skimmed milk** variant in NC, NW, RH

**skivvy** (men's T-shirt, underwear) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **scivvy** variant in RH

**skulduggery** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**skullduggery** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; **sculduggery** variant in RH; **scullduggery** variant in RH

**skulk** first entry in all; **sculk** variant in RH

**skyey** first entry in all; **skiey** variant in NC

**skyward** (adv) first entry in all; **skywards** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**slakable** first entry in RH; **slakeable** variant in RH

**slew** (a large number) first entry in all; **slue** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**slier, sliest** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**slyer, slyest** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**slimsy** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; **slimpsy** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**slobber** first entry in all; **slabber** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**slough** (marshy pond, backwater, bayou) first entry in all; **slew** variant in all; **slue** variant in all

**slough** (noun: something cast off or shed; verb: to cast off, discard) first entry in all; **sluff** variant for all meanings in NC, and limited to card game meanings in RH

**slue** (verb: turn or twist to the side; noun: this act or position) first entry in all; **slew** variant in all

**slumberous** first entry in all; **slumbrous** variant in all

**slyly** first entry in all; **slily** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**smart aleck** first entry in all; **smart alec** variant in NW; **smart-alec** variant in RH

**smarty** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **smartie** variant in NC

**smearcase** first entry in all; **smiercase** variant in NC, RH

**smidgen** first entry in all; **smidgin** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH; **smidgeon** variant in AH, NC, NW

**smokable** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **smokeable** variant in NC, NW, RH

**smoky** first entry in all; **smokey** variant in NC

**smolder** first entry in all
**smoulder** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; British in NW

**smoothie** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**smoothy** first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**snail's pace** first entry in RH; variant in SC
**snail pace** first entry in SC

**snath** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **snathe** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**snicker** first entry in all; **snigger** variant in all

**sniveled, -ling** first entry in all
**snivelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**sniveler** first entry in all
**sniveller** unqualified in AH, SC; British in RH

**snorkel** first entry in all; **schnorkel** variant for all noun and verb uses in NC, and for one noun use ("a device permitting a submarine to remain submerged") in RH; **schnorkle** variant (with preceding restriction) in RH

**sobriquet** first entry in all; **soubriquet** variant in all

**socks** (short stockings) first entry in all; **sox** variant in all

**soft-pedaled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**soft-pedalled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**softy** first entry in all; **softie** variant in NC, NW, RH

**soigné** first entry in all
**soignée** unqualified in NC, RH; feminine in AH, NW

**solicitor** first entry in all; **soliciter** variant in SC

**somber** first entry in all
**sombre** unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

**somersault** first entry in all; **summersault** variant in all; **somerset** variant in all; **summerset** variant in AH, RH, SC

**someway** first entry in all; **someways** variant in all

**soreheaded** (adj) first entry in SC; variant in NC
**sorehead** first entry in NC

**southward** (adv) first entry in all; **southwards** variant in all

**sovereign** first entry in all
**sovran** unqualified in NC; poetic in AH, SC; literary in RH; rare in NW

**spandrel** first entry in all; **spandril** variant in AH, NC, SC

**spate** first entry in all; **spait** variant in AH, SC

**spatial** first entry in all; **spacial** variant in all

**specs** (eyeglasses) first entry in all; **specks** variant in AH, SC

**specter** first entry in all
**spectre** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**speleology** first entry in all; **spelaeology** variant in RH

**spelled** first entry in all
**spelt** unqualified in AH, NW, RH, SC; British in NC

**spew** first entry in all; **spue** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**spic** (offensive term for a Spanish-American) first entry in AH, RH; variant in SC
**spick** first entry in SC; variant in AH, RH; **spik** variant in RH

**spick-and-span** first entry in all; **spic-and-span** variant in AH, NC

**spicy** first entry in all; **spicey** variant in RH

**spiffy** (smart, spruce) first entry in all; **spiffing** variant in RH

**spilled** first entry in all; **spilt** variant in all

**spindrift** first entry in all
**spoondrift** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "early form of" in NW

**spiraled, -ling** first entry in all
**spiralled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**spirea** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**spiraea** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**spirochete** first entry in all; **spirochaete** variant in all

**spit and image** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**spitting image** first entry in AH; variant in RH, SC; "alteration of" in NW
(First entry/variant status is unclear in NC, which has no entry for **spit and image**. However, it has an entry for **spitting image**, defined "spit and image," with a cross reference to the second definition for the fourth entry for **spit**, which is "perfect likeness")

**spitzenburg** (a variety of apple) first entry in AH, SC; **spitzenberg** variant in AH, SC

**splendor** first entry in all; **splendour** British in all

**splendorous** first entry in all; **splendrous** variant in all

**splint** (noun) first entry in all; **splent** variant in NC

**spoiled** first entry in all; **spoilt** variant in all

**spoonfuls** first entry in all; **spoonsful** variant in NC

**spoony** first entry in all; **spooney** variant in all

**sports car** first entry in all; **sport car** variant in NC, NW, RH

**sport shirt** first entry in RH, SC; **sports shirt** variant in RH, SC

**sprier, spriest** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**spryer, spryest** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**springbok** first entry in all; **springbuck** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**sprite** first entry in all; **spright** variant in AH, SC

**spumone** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**spumoni** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**spurt** first entry in all
**spirt** unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British in AH

**squeegee** first entry in all
**squilgee** unqualified in NC, RH, SC; nautical in NW; **squillagee** variant in RH, SC; **squillgee** variant in RH

**squirearchy** first entry in all; **squirarchy** variant in all

**squirrelly** first entry in AH, NC, NW
**squirrely** first entry in SC; variant in NW

**staff** (set of lines on which music is written) first entry in all; **stave** variant in all

**stagy** first entry in all; **stagey** variant in all

**stanch** (verb) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**staunch** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
(See note below for **staunch**)

**starlit** (adj) first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**starlight** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

**statable** first entry in NC, NW; **stateable** variant in NC

**State's attorney** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**State attorney** first entry in AH, NC

**staunch** (adj) first entry in all; **stanch** variant in all
(SC: "The spelling **stanch** is preferred for the verb in both England and the United States, and **staunch** for the adj, although many writers use one or the other spelling for both." AH: "**Staunch** is more common than **stanch** as the spelling of the adj. The reverse is true of the verb **stanch**, meaning to stop the flow." NW: "For the adj, **staunch** is now the prevailing form in the U.S.; for the verb, usage is about evenly divided between **staunch** and **stanch**.")

**steadfast** first entry in all
**stedfast** unqualified in AH, NC, RH, SC; "earlier var. of" in NW

**stearin** first entry in all; **stearine** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**steenbok** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**steinbok** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **steinbuck** variant in SC; **steenbuck** variant in NW

**stele** (stone slab bearing an inscription) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**stela** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**stenciled, -ling** first entry in all
**stencilled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**sterilize** first entry in all; **sterilise** British in NW, RH, SC

**sternward** (adv) first entry in all; **sternwards** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**sties** (plural of **sty**: "pen for enclosing swine") first entry in all; **styes** variant in NC

**stilettos** first entry in all; **stilettoes** variant in all

**stimulater** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in RH
**stimulator** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC

**stockinet** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**stockinette** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC

**stogy** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**stogie** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, SC; **stogey** variant in AH, RH, SC

**stonable** first entry in RH; **stoneable** variant in RH

**stony** first entry in all; **stoney** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**storied** (e.g., "a two-storied building") first entry in all
**storeyed** unqualified in NC, SC; British in RH

**story** (of a building) first entry in all
**storey** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, RH, SC

**straightforward** (adv) first entry in all; **straightforwards** variant in all

**strait jacket** first entry in AH, RH, SC
**straitjacket** first entry in NC, NW; **straight jacket** variant in AH, RH; **straightjacket** variant in NC, NW

**strait-laced** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**straitlaced** first entry in NC; **straight-laced** variant in NW, RH; **straightlaced** variant in NC

**streamlined** (adj) first entry in all; **streamline** variant for all uses in AH and NW, and for single meaning "designed to offer the least resistance to a flow of fluid, as air, etc." in SC

**stringhalt** first entry in all; **springhalt** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**strychnine** first entry in all; **strychnin** variant in SC

**stuccoes** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**stuccos** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**St. Vitus's dance** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH
**St. Vitus' dance** first entry in AH; variant in SC
**Saint Vitus's dance** first entry in NC
**Saint Vitus' dance** first entry in NW; **St. Vitus dance** variant in RH, SC

**sty** (inflamed eyelid) first entry in all; **stye** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC
(Although AH does not give the variant for the singular noun, it shows **sties** or **styes** for the plural)

**stymie** first entry in all; **stymy** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **stimy** variant in NW, RH, SC

**subpoena** first entry in all; **subpena** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**subtle** first entry in all
**subtile** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in RH; rare in NW

**subtlety** first entry in all
**subtilty** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; archaic in RH; rare in NW

**succor** first entry in all; **succour** British in all

**sugar-tit** first entry in NW, RH; **sugar-teat** variant in RH

**sulf-** (combining form of **sulfer**. Typical examples and/or entries are **sulfur/sulphur, sulfate/sulphate, sulfide/sulphide**) first entry in all
**sulph-** unqualified in NC, RH, SC (Note in AH: "The spelling **sulph-** is no longer admitted by scientific publications "; NW: "now esp. Brit. spelling for **sulf-**")

**sulfa-** first entry in all; **sulpha-** variant in RH, SC (In these two the secondary spelling is entered after **sulfa-** and appears also in various separate entries such as **sulphadiazine, sulphanilamide**)

**sumac** first entry in all; **sumach** variant in all

**sunward** (adv) first entry in all; **sunwards** variant in all

**supercargoes** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **supercargos** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**supersede** first entry in all; **supercede** variant in NC

**supplely** first entry in NC, NW, SC; variant in AH, RH
**supply** first entry in AH, RH; variant in NC, NW, SC

**suppressor** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**suppresser** first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH

**surprise** (verb) first entry in all
**surprize** unqualified in NC; rare in AH, SC

**swab** first entry in all; **swob** variant in all

**swale** first entry in all; **swail** variant in AH, SC

**swami** first entry in all; **swamy** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**swan's-down** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**swansdown** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**swap** first entry in all; **swop** variant in all

**swastika** first entry in all; **swastica** variant in AH, SC

**swat** first entry in all; **swot** variant in NW, RH, SC

**swath** (noun) first entry in all; **swathe** variant in all

**swathable** first entry in RH; **swatheable** variant in RH

**sway-backed** (adj) first entry in all; **swayback** variant in RH

**sweepstakes** first entry in all; **sweepstake** variant in all

**sweetbrier** first entry in all; **sweetbriar** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**swiveled, -ling** first entry in all
**swivelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**swordsman** first entry in all
**swordman** unqualified in RH, SC; archaic in NW

**syllabub** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in RH, SC
**sillabub** first entry in RH, SC; variant in AH, NC, NW; **sillibub** variant in RH

**sylvan** first entry in all; **silvan** variant in all

**symboled, -ling** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
**symbolled, -lling** unqualified in NC, NW; British in RH

**synagogue** first entry in all; **synagog** variant in all

**sync** (clipped form of noun "synchronization," and verb "to synchronize") first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **synch** variant for noun and verb in NC, NW, and for noun only in RH

**syrup** first entry in all
**sirup** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC

**syrupy** first entry in all; **sirupy** variant in NC, NW, RH

## T

**tablespoonfuls** first entry in all; **tablespoonsful** variant in NC

**taboo** first entry in all; **tabu** variant in all

**tabor** first entry in all; **tabour** variant in all; **taber** variant in SC

**tacky** (adj: slightly sticky, gummy) first entry in all; **tackey** variant in SC

**taffrail** first entry in all
**tafferel** unqualified in NW, SC; archaic in RH

**takable** first entry in NW, RH; **takeable** variant in NW, RH

**talcked, -cking** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **talced, -cing** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**tamable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **tameable** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**tampion** first entry in all; **tompion** variant in all

**tangential** first entry in all; **tangental** variant in AH, RH, SC

**tarantism** first entry in all; **tarentism** variant in RH, SC

**tarboosh** first entry in all; **tarbush** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**tarlatan** first entry in all; **tarletan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**tartar sauce** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**tartare sauce** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**tartuffe** first entry in AH, NC, NW; variant in SC
**tartufe** first entry in SC; variant in AH

**tasseled, -ling** first entry in all
**tasselled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**tawny** first entry in all; **tawney** variant in AH, RH, SC

**taxiing** first entry in all; **taxying** variant in all

**taxis** (noun) first entry in all; **taxies** variant in AH, NC, RH

**teasel** first entry in all; **teazel** variant in all; **teazle** variant in all

**teaspoonfuls** first entry in all; **teaspoonsful** variant in NC

**teen-age** (adj) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**teenage** first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH; **teen-aged** variant in AH, RH, SC; **teenaged** variant in NC

**teetotaler** first entry in all
**teetotaller** unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

**telpher** first entry in all; **telfer** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**template** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**templet** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**tendentious** first entry in all; **tendencious** variant in all

**tenderfoots** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**tenderfeet** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**tepee** first entry in all; **teepee** variant in all; **tipi** variant in all

**terrain** first entry in all; **terrane** variant in NC, NW

**terrane** first entry in all; **terrain** variant in all

**tetched** (somewhat deranged) first entry in NW, RH; variant in NC
**teched** first entry in NC

**tetchy** first entry in all; **techy** variant in all

**thane** (1. Anglo-Saxon freeman; 2. feudal lord or baron in Scotland) first entry in all; **thegn** variant for 1 and 2 in AH, NW, RH, SC, and for 1 only in NC

**theater** first entry in all
**theatre** unqualified in AH, NC, NW; British in RH, SC

**thenceforward** first entry in all; **thenceforwards** variant in all

**thereabouts** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**thereabout** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**therm** first entry in all; **therme** variant in AH, RH, SC

**thermostated, -ting** first entry in NC; **thermostatted, -tting** variant in NC

**thiamine** first entry in all; **thiamin** variant in all

**thiazine** first entry in all; **thiazin** variant in SC

**thiazole** first entry in all; **thiazol** variant in SC

**thingamabob** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**thingumbob** first entry in RH; variant in NW, SC; **thingumabob** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**thingamajig** first entry in NC, NW, SC
**thingumajig** first entry in RH; variant in NC, NW, SC

**thitherward** first entry in all; **thitherwards** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**thorough** first entry in all
**thoro** nonstandard in NC; clipped form in NW; informal in RH; rare in SC

**thorp** first entry in all; **thorpe** variant in NW, RH, SC

**though** first entry in all
**tho** informal in AH, RH; "var of **though**" in NC; clipped form in NW; "also spelled" in SC; **tho'** clipped form in NW; informal in RH

**thralldom** first entry in all; **thraldom** variant in all

**thresh** (to beat or flail, as grain) first entry in all; **thrash** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**through** first entry in all
**thru** informal in AH, RH; "var of **through**" in NC; "shortened spelling" in NW; "also spelled" in SC; **thro** archaic in NC, NW, RH; "also spelled" in SC; **thro'** archaic in NW, RH; variant in SC

**thruster** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **thrustor** variant in NC

**thruway** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC
**throughway** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NW, since separate entries for both spellings carry identical definitions: "same as **expressway**")

**thunderous** first entry in all; **thundrous** variant in AH, SC

**thymy** (abounding in or fragrant with thyme) first entry in NC, NW, SC; **thymey** variant in NC

**ticktacktoe** first entry in AH, NC, SC
**tick-tack-toe** first entry in NW, RH; variant in AH; **tit-tat-toe** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC; **tic-tac-toe** variant in NC, NW, RH; **tictactoe** variant in SC; **tick-tack-too** variant in RH; **ticktacktoo** variant in SC

**tidbit** first entry in all
**titbit** unqualified in AH, NC; British in NW, RH, SC

**tiddlywinks** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**tiddledywinks** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**tigereye** (a gemstone) first entry in NC, SC; variant in NW, RH
**tiger's-eye** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC
**tiger's eye** first entry in NW
**tiger-eye** first entry in AH; **tigers-eye** variant in SC

**tigerish** first entry in all; **tigrish** variant in RH, SC

**timbal** first entry in all; **tymbal** variant in all

**timbre** first entry in all; **timber** variant in NC

**timpani** first entry in all; **tympani** variant in all

**tine** (of a fork, etc.) first entry in all
**tyne** unqualified in NC; British in RH

**tingeing** first entry in all; **tinging** variant in all

**tinker's damn** first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**tinker's dam** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**tinseled, -ling** first entry in all
**tinselled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**tire** (noun) first entry in all; **tyre** British in all

**titivate** first entry in all; **tittivate** variant in NC, NW, SC

**tobaccos** first entry in all; **tobaccoes** variant in AH, RH, SC

**today** first entry in all
**to-day** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW

**toffee** first entry in all; **toffy** variant in all

**Tolstoyan** first entry in NC, RH; **Tolstoian** variant in NC, RH

**tomorrow** first entry in all
**to-morrow** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW

**tom-tom** first entry in all; **tam-tam** variant for all meanings in NC, NW, RH; for restricted meanings such as "a Chinese gong" or "small-headed drums . . . beaten with the hands" in AH, SC

**tonight** first entry in all
**to-night** unqualified in AH, RH, SC; "formerly" in NW

**tonnage** first entry in all; **tunnage** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**tonsillar** (relating to tonsils) first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
**tonsilar** first entry in AH; variant in RH, SC

**tootsy** (the foot) first entry in all; **tootsie** variant in AH, NC, NW

**topee** (pith helmet or sun hat) first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**topi** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**topfull** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**topful** first entry in NC; variant in AH

**Tophet** first entry in all; **Topheth** variant in NW, RH, SC

**tormentor** first entry in all; **tormenter** variant in all

**tornadoes** first entry in all; **tornados** variant in all

**torpedoes** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**torpedos** first entry in SC

**totaled, -ling** first entry in all
**totalled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**totalizator** first entry in all (capitalized as trademark in RH); **totalizer** variant in all
**totalisator** unqualified in NC, NW; British in SC

**toughie** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **toughy** variant in NC, NW, RH

**tourmaline** first entry in all; **turmaline** variant in AH, RH, SC; **tourmalin** variant in RH, SC

**tousle** first entry in all; **touzle** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**tovarich** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW, SC
**tovarisch** first entry in AH, SC; variant in RH
**tovarish** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**toward** (prep) first entry in all; **towards** variant in all

**toweled, -ling** first entry in all
**towelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**toweling** (noun) first entry in all
**towelling** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**townie** (non-student resident of a college town) first entry in AH, NW; **towny** variant in AH

**toxemia** first entry in all; **toxaemia** variant in NW, RH, SC

**toxin** first entry in all; **toxine** variant in AH, SC

**tradable** first entry in NC, NW, RH; **tradeable** variant in NC, NW, RH

**trade union** first entry in all
**trades union** unqualified in NC; British in AH, NW, SC

**traipse** first entry in all; **trapes** variant in NW, SC; **trapse** variant in NW

**traitress** first entry in all; **traitoress** variant in NC

**trammeled, -ling** first entry in all
**trammelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**tramontane** (adj) first entry in all; **transmontane** variant in all

**trampoline** first entry in all; **trampolin** variant in AH

**tranquilize** first entry in all; **tranquillize** variant in all

**tranquilizer** first entry in all; **tranquillizer** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**tranquillity** first entry in all; **tranquility** variant in all

**transferable** first entry in all; **transferrable** variant in NW, RH

**transferal** first entry in all; **transferral** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**transfusible** first entry in all; **transfusable** variant in NC, RH

**translator** first entry in all; **translater** variant in RH

**transmittable** first entry in AH, NC, RH; variant in NW
**transmittible** first entry in NW; variant in AH, RH

**transonic** first entry in all; **trans-sonic** variant in NC; **transsonic** variant in NW

**transship** first entry in all; **tranship** variant in all

**transvestism** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; variant in SC
**transvestitism** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NW, RH

**traveled, -ling** first entry in all
**travelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**traveler** first entry in all
**traveller** unqualified in NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**travelogue** first entry in all; **travelog** variant in all

**travertine** first entry in all; **travertin** variant in RH, SC

**treenail** first entry in all; **trenail** variant in all; **trunnel** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**tremulant** first entry in all; **tremulent** variant in AH, SC

**trestle** first entry in all; **tressel** variant in NC

**tricolor** (adj) first entry in all; **tricolored** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**tricorn** (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**tricorne** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**trimestral** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **trimestrial** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**trivet** first entry in all; **trevet** variant in SC

**trolley** first entry in all; **trolly** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**trousers** first entry in all; **trowsers** variant in AH, NC, SC

**troweled, -ling** first entry in all
**trowelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**truing** (pres. part.) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**trueing** first entry in NC; variant in AH, NW, RH

**tsetse fly** first entry in all; **tzetze fly** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**T-shirt** first entry in all; **tee shirt** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC; **T shirt** variant in SC;
**tee-shirt** variant in RH

**tularemia** first entry in all; **tularaemia** variant in NW, RH, SC

**tumbrel** first entry in all; **tumbril** variant in all

**tumor** first entry in all; **tumour** British in NC, NW, RH, SC

**tunable** first entry in all; **tuneable** variant in all

**tunneled, -ling** first entry in all
**tunnelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**turbaned** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **turbanned** variant in NC

**turfs** first entry in all
**turves** unqualified in NC; archaic in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**turquoise** (the mineral, gem) first entry in all
**turquois** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; obsolete in SC; **turkois** variant in SC

**tussock** first entry in all; **tussuck** variant in AH, SC

**tuxedos** first entry in all; **tuxedoes** variant in NC

**twaddle** first entry in all
**twattle** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; "Br. Dial." in RH

**twerp** first entry in all; **twirp** variant in all

**twinging** (pres. part.) first entry in all; **twingeing** variant in NC

**twopence** first entry in all
**tuppence** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; informal in AH, SC

**twopenny** (coin) first entry in all
**tuppenny** unqualified in RH; informal in AH, SC

**tying** (pres. part.) first entry in all; **tieing** variant in NC

**tyke** first entry in all; **tike** variant in all

**typeable** first entry in NC; variant in NW
**typable** first entry in NW

**typy** (adj) first entry in NC; **typey** variant in NC

**tyro** first entry in all; **tiro** variant in all

## U

**uhlan** first entry in all; **ulan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**ukulele** first entry in all; **ukelele** variant in RH

**umiak** first entry in all; **oomiak** variant in all; **umiack** variant in NW, SC; **oomiac** variant in NW, RH; **umiac** variant in RH; **oomiack** variant in NC

**umpteenth** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **umteenth** variant in RH

**unalterable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **inalterable** variant in NC, RH (These two dictionaries use **unalterable** to define **inalterable**)

**unawares** (adv) first entry in all
**unaware** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; archaic in SC

**unbeknown** first entry in all; **unbeknownst** variant in all

**unbiased** first entry in all
**unbiassed** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**unblessed** first entry in all; **unblest** variant in all

**uncommunicative** first entry in all; **incommunicative** variant in AH, NC, RH (These three dictionaries use **uncommunicative** to define **incommunicative**)

**uncontrollable** first entry in all; **incontrollable** variant in all (All of the dictionaries use **uncontrollable** to define **incontrollable**)

**underdevelop** first entry in NW, RH; **underdevelope** variant in RH

**underhand** (sneaky, deceitful) first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**underhanded** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**undersea** (adv) first entry in AH, NC, NW, SC; variant in RH
**underseas** first entry in RH; variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**undersized** first entry in all; **undersize** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC

**undreamed (of)** first entry in NC, NW, SC; **undreamt (of)** variant in NC, NW, SC (RH includes both spellings, in alphabetical order, in the list of undefined **un-** words)

**unequaled** first entry in all
**unequalled** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**unessential** first entry in all; **inessential** variant in AH, NC, NW, SC (These four dictionaries use **unessential** to define **inessential**)

**unnameable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **unnamable** variant in NW, RH, SC (These words are found in the lists of undefined **un-** words. The only justification for considering **unnameable** the first entry is that it is the only spelling in NC)

**unraveled, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**unravelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**unrivaled** first entry in all
**unrivalled** unqualified in NC, NW; British in RH, SC

**unsalable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **unsaleable** variant in NW, RH, SC (These words are found in the lists of undefined **un-** words. The only justification for considering **unsalable** the first entry is that it is the only spelling in NC)

**unsavory** first entry in all; **unsavoury** British in RH, SC

**unshakable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **unshakeable** variant in NW, SC (SC places the entry in the text proper, with **unshakable** the first entry. NW includes both spellings in alphabetical order in the list of undefined **un-** words)

**unskillful** first entry in all; **unskilful** British in RH, SC

**unstable** first entry in all; **instable** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC (These four dictionaries use **unstable** to define **instable**)

**untamable** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **untameable** variant in RH, SC

**untraveled** first entry in all
**untravelled** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**unwieldy** first entry in all; **unwieldly** variant in RH

**upstairs** (adj) first entry in all; **upstair** variant in RH

**upward** (adv) first entry in all; **upwards** variant in all

**upward of** first entry in AH, RH, SC; variant in NC, NW
**upwards of** first entry in NC, NW; variant in AH, RH, SC

**uremia** first entry in all; **uraemia** variant in AH, NC, RH, SC; **urinemia** variant in SC; **urinaemia** variant in SC

**urinalysis** first entry in all; **uranalysis** variant in RH, SC

**usable** first entry in all; **useable** variant in all

**utilize** first entry in all; **utilise** British in NW, RH, SC

**utmost** (noun) first entry in all; **uttermost** variant in all

## V

**Valentine Day** first entry in NC, RH
**Valentine's Day** first entry in AH; variant in NC, RH; **Valentines Day** variant in AH

**Valhalla** first entry in all; **Walhalla** variant in all; **Valhall** variant in RH, SC; **Walhall** variant in RH

**Valkyrie** first entry in all; **Walkyrie** variant in all; **Valkyr** variant in SC

**valor** first entry in all; **valour** British in all

**vamoose** first entry in all; **vamose** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**vanillin** first entry in all; **vanilline** variant in RH, SC

**vapor** first entry in all; **vapour** British in all

**varicose** (swollen, dilated, e.g., varicose veins)first entry in all; **varicosed** variant in NC

**varmint** first entry in all; **varment** variant in NW, RH

**vedette** first entry in all; **vidette** variant in all

**vegetative** first entry in all; **vegetive** variant in all

**veld** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**veldt** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**velour** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**velours** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**vendible** first entry in all; **vendable** variant in NC, NW

**vendor** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**vender** first entry in AH, SC; variant in NC, NW, RH

**venereology** first entry in all; **venerology** variant in NC, RH

**venesection** first entry in all; **venisection** variant in NC, RH

**venipuncture** first entry in all; **venepuncture** variant in NW, RH, SC

**ventriloquial** first entry in all; **ventriloqual** variant in RH, SC

**Venus's-flytrap** first entry in AH, NC, RH
**Venus's flytrap** first entry in SC
**Venus' flytrap** first entry in NW; **Venus flytrap** variant in RH, SC

**veranda** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; variant in AH
**verandah** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**vermilion** first entry in all; **vermillion** variant in AH, NC, RH

**vermouth** first entry in all; **vermuth** variant in AH, SC

**vexed** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; **vext** variant in NC

**vialed, -ling** first entry in AH, NW, SC
**vialled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NW, SC

**vicariate** first entry in all; **vicarate** variant in all

**victual (s)** first entry in all; **vittle (s)** unqualified in NC; nonstandard in AH; obsolete or dialect in NW; informal in SC

**victualed, -ling** first entry in all
**victualled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**victualer** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; variant in NC
**victualler** first entry in NC; unqualified in AH, NW, SC; British in RH

**vicuña** first entry in all; **vicuna** variant in NC, RH; **vicugna** variant in SC

**vigor** first entry in all; **vigour** British in all

**villein** first entry in all; **villain** variant in all

**villeinage** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC
**villenage** first entry in NC; variant in NW, RH, SC; **villainage** variant in AH, RH, SC; **villanage** variant in RH

**violator** first entry in all; **violater** variant in RH

**viragoes** first entry in all; **viragos** variant in all

**virtu** first entry in all; **vertu** variant in all

**visa** first entry in all; **visé** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**vise** first entry in all
**vice** unqualified in AH, RH; British in NC, NW, SC

**visor** first entry in all; **vizor** variant in all

**vitamin** first entry in all
**vitamine** unqualified in RH, SC; rare in AH

**vizier** first entry in all; **vizir** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**volcanoes** first entry in all; **volcanos** variant in all

**volcanology** first entry in all; **vulcanology** variant in all

**votable** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **voteable** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**votaress** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC
**votress** unqualified in SC; archaic in NC

## W

**wacky** first entry in all; **whacky** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**wadable** first entry in NC, RH; **wadeable** variant in NC, RH

**wadi** first entry in all; **wady** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**wagon** first entry in all; **waggon** British in all

**wagons-lits** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH
**wagon-lits** first entry in SC; variant in AH, NC

**wainscoting** first entry in all
**wainscotting** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**walkie-talkie** first entry in all; **walky-talky** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**washerwoman** first entry in all; **washwoman** variant in all

**waterward** first entry in RH; **waterwards** variant in RH

**way** (the length of a course; distance) first entry in all
**ways** unqualified in NC, regional in AH, colloquial in NW, "popularly or dialectally" in SC

**weevily** first entry in all; **weevilly** variant in all

**weigela** first entry in all; **weigelia** variant in NW, RH

**weirdie** first entry in AH, NC, SC; variant in NW
**weirdo** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC; **weirdy** variant in AH, NC, SC

**welder** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **weldor** variant in NC, RH
(In RH the presence of **welder, weldor** as undefined derived forms in the entry for **weld** suggests that the variant applies to all meanings. NC limits the variant to the single meaning "one whose work is welding")

**welsh** (verb) first entry in all; **welch** variant in all

**Welsh** first entry in all
**Welch** unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; rare in AH

**Welsh rabbit** first entry in all; **Welsh rarebit** variant in all
(See usage notes in NW: "faulty etymologizing," and SC: "The form **rarebit** was a later development and is the result of mistaken etymology"

**werewolf** first entry in all; **werwolf** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**wergeld** first entry in AH, NW, SC; variant in NC, RH
**wergild** first entry in NC, RH; variant in AH, NW; **weregild** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **wergelt** variant in SC

**westward** (adv) first entry in all; **westwards** variant in all

**wharves** first entry in all; **wharfs** variant in all

**wheelman** (helmsman) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **wheelsman** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC (First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC, which has entries for both words, each using "helmsman" in the definition)

**whereabouts** first entry in all
**whereabout** unqualified for adv and noun in NC; rare for adv and noun in NW; rare for adv only in SC

**whiffletree** first entry in AH, NC, RH, SC; variant in NW
**whippletree** first entry in NW; variant in AH, NC, RH, SC

**while** first entry in all
**whilst** British in AH, NC, RH, SC; dialect in NW

**whimsy** first entry in all; **whimsey** variant in all

**whiny** first entry in all; **whiney** variant in NC, NW, RH

**whir** first entry in all
**whirr** unqualified in NC, NW, RH; British in AH, SC

**whiskey** first entry in all; **whisky** variant in all
(AH, NW, and RH note that **whiskey** is used especially in reference to U.S. and Irish liquors and **whisky** with British and Canadian)

**whitey** (derogatory term referring to a white person or the white community) first entry in AH, RH, SC; **whity** variant in RH

**whiz** first entry in all; **whizz** variant in all

**whiz-bang** first entry in NW, RH
**whizbang** first entry in NC, SC
**whizz-bang** first entry in AH; variant in NW, RH, SC; **whizzbang** variant in NC

**whodunit** first entry in all; **whodunnit** variant in NC

**whoop-de-do** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **whoop-de-doo** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**whoosis** first entry in RH; variant in NW
**whosis** first entry in NW; variant in RH

**whop** first entry in all; **whap** variant in NC, NW, SC

**whopper** first entry in all; **whapper** variant in NW, SC

**wickiup** first entry in all; **wikiup** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **wickyup** variant in RH

**widgeon** first entry in all
**wigeon** unqualified in NC, NW, RH, SC; British in AH

**wiener** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **weenie** informal in AH, RH, SC; colloquial in NW; **wienie** unqualified in SC; colloquial in NW; informal in RH; **weeny** colloquial in NW
(First entry/variant status cannot be determined in NC, in which **wiener** and **wienie** are defined alike—"frankfurter"—and **weenie** is called a variant of **wienie**)

**willful** first entry in all
**wilful** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; British in SC

**williwaw** first entry in all; **willywaw** variant in NW, RH, SC; **willie-wa** variant in RH; **williwau** variant in RH; **willy-waa** variant in RH

**wingding** first entry in AH, NC, NW
**wing-ding** first entry in RH; **whing-ding** variant in NC; **whingding** variant in NW

**winos** first entry in NC, NW, RH; variant in AH, SC
**winoes** first entry in AH, SC

**wintry** first entry in all; **wintery** variant in all

**winy** first entry in all; **winey** variant in NC

**wisenheimer** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **weisenheimer** variant in AH, NC, RH

**wisteria** first entry in all; **wistaria** variant in all

**witch hazel** first entry in all; **wych-hazel** variant in SC

**wobble** first entry in all; **wabble** variant in all

**wobbly** (adj) first entry in all; **wabbly** variant in RH, SC

**Woden** first entry in all; **Wodan** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**woebegone** first entry in all
**wobegone** unqualified in AH, SC; archaic in RH

**woeful** first entry in all
**woful** unqualified in AH, NC, RH; archaic in NW, SC

**wolverine** first entry in all
**wolverene** unqualified in SC; British in NW

**womenfolk** first entry in all; **womenfolks** variant in all

**woodbine** first entry in all; **woodbind** variant in SC

**woodsman** first entry in all; **woodman** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC (RH restricts **woodman** to single meaning "a person accustomed to life in the woods and skilled in the arts of the woods, as hunting, trapping")

**woolen** first entry in all
**woollen** unqualified in AH, NC, SC; British in NW, RH

**woolly** (adj, noun) first entry in all
**wooly** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, RH; U.S. in SC; **woolie** variant (noun only) in NC

**workfolk** first entry in all; **workfolks** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

**World Series** first entry in all (lower case in NC, and either way in NW)
**world's series** variant in AH, RH, SC (capitalized in RH)

**worshiped, -ping** first entry in all
**worshipped, -pping** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**worshiper** first entry in all
**worshipper** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH

**wrier, wriest** first entry in all; **wryer, wryest** variant in AH, SC

**wych-elm** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **witch-elm** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **wich-elm** variant in SC

## X

**xebec** first entry in all; **zebec** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **zebeck** variant in AH, NW, RH

**x-ed** (to mark with an x; to delete) first entry in NC, NW, RH
**x'd** first entry in AH; variant in NC, NW, RH; **xed** variant in AH, NC

**x-ing** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **x'ing** variant in AH, NC, NW, RH

## Y

**yachtsman** first entry in all; **yachtman** variant in SC

**yachtsmanship** first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **yachtmanship** variant in RH, SC

**Yahweh** first entry in all; **Yahveh** variant in all; **Jahveh** variant in all; **Jahweh** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **Yahve** variant in NW, RH, SC; **Jahve** variant in NW, RH, SC; **Jahwe** variant in NW, RH, SC; **Yahwe** variant in NW, RH

**yak** (noun: persistent talk; verb: to chatter) first entry in all; **yack** variant in AH, NC, NW

**yare** (1. quick, lively, ready; 2. easily handled, as a ship) first entry in all
**yar** variant for 1 and 2 in NC, RH, and for 1 only in NW

**yarmulke** first entry in all; **yarmelke** variant in all; **yamalka** variant in NW; **yamulka** variant in NW; **yarmalke** variant in NW

**yawp** first entry in all; **yaup** variant in all

**yeoman's service** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **yeoman service** variant in NC, NW, RH, SC

**yeses** (noun) first entry in AH, NW, RH, SC; **yesses** variant in SC

**yeshiva** first entry in NC, NW, RH, SC; **yeshivah** variant in NC, RH, SC

**yodel** first entry in all; **yodle** variant in AH, RH, SC

**yodeled, -ling** first entry in all
**yodelled, -lling** unqualified in AH, NC, NW, SC; British in RH

**yodeler** first entry in all
**yodeller** unqualified in NW, SC; British in RH; **yodler** variant in RH, SC

**yogi** first entry in all; **yogin** variant in all; **yogee** variant in SC

**yogurt** first entry in all; **yoghurt** variant in all; **yoghourt** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC

**yolk** first entry in all; **yoke** variant in NC, RH

**yowl** first entry in all
**yawl** unqualified in SC; "Br. Dial." in NW, RH

## Z

**zabaglione** first entry in AH, NC, NW, RH; **zabaione** variant in RH; **zabajone** variant in RH

**zephyrean** first entry in RH; **zephyrian** variant in RH

**zeros** first entry in all; **zeroes** variant in all

**zibeline** first entry in all; **zibelline** variant in all

**ziggurat** first entry in all; **zikkurat** variant in AH, NW, RH, SC; **zikurat** variant in NW, RH

**zincked, -cking** first entry in NW, RH, SC; variant in AH, NC
**zinced, -cing** first entry in AH, NC; variant in NW, RH, SC

**zincky** first entry in NC, NW, SC; **zinky** variant in NC, NW, SC; **zincy** variant in NC, NW, SC

**zither** first entry in all; **zithern** variant in AH, SC

**zombie** first entry in all; **zombi** variant in all
(AH and SC make no spelling distinction according to meaning. NC, NW, and RH, however, indicate that **zombi** is the usual spelling for certain meanings, as "snake deities of voodoo cults" or "supernatural force that brings a corpse to life," and that **zombie** is the usual spelling for other meanings, as "a corpse reactivated by sorcery" or "a drink made of various rums and flavorings")

**Zoroastrianism** first entry in all; **Zoroastrism** variant in RH, SC